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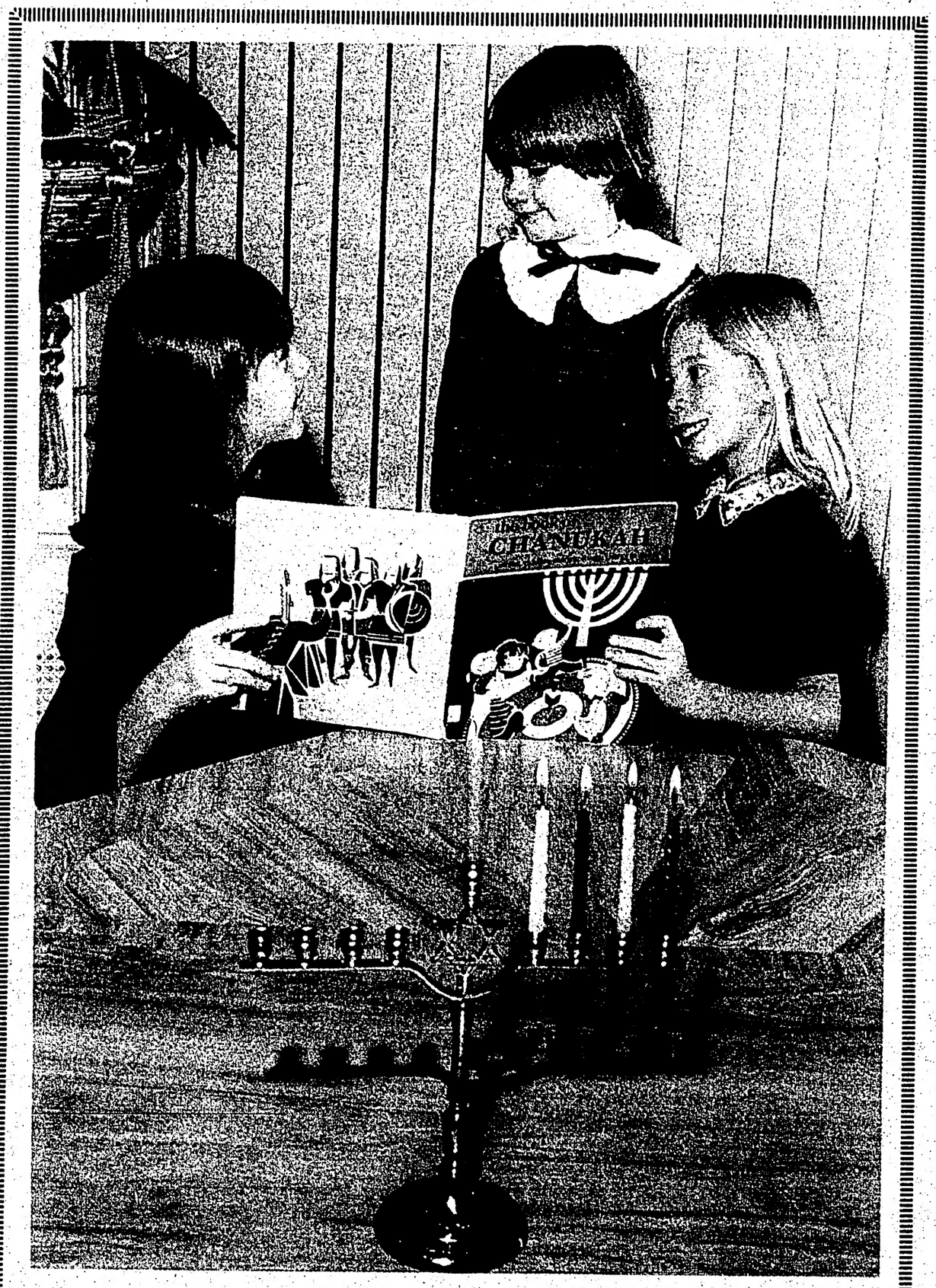

IT'S CHANUKAH TIME!

Adrienne, 10, (left), Nicole, 5, (centre) and Alison, 6, read about the deeds of the Maccabees in the glow of the chanukiah. The three are the granddaughters of CJN writer Miriam Chinsky. [Graphic Artists photo]

WZO factions fail to reach compromise

By
DAVID LANDAU

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The 31st World Zionist Congress ended in an uproar at dawn last Friday, with delegates hurling potted plants and other objects at each other on the dais.

At issue was the size of a broad executive of the World Zionist Organization that is to function alongside a smaller operational executive. Labor representatives wanted the broad body to comprise 51 members, while Likud sought a smaller number.

Both major parties have nominated their key figures from the previous executive to serve on the new one, but behind-the-scenes negotiations throughout the week-long congress failed to produce agreement on the allocation of the chairmanships of the departments here of the WZO.

Congress sources said the Likud would almost certainly hold the treasury, although its candidate, Matityahu Drobles, was not favored by the American fund raisers and might not win their consent. The fund raisers had nixed the candidacy of WZO treasurer Akiva Lewinsky for chairman of the executive.

The sources predicted that the Likud would continue to hold the co-chairmanship of the key settlement department, despite Labor's strenuous efforts to govern this department alone.

Labor hopes to win the aliya department, which

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MK Dinitz is elected to lead Zionist executive

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Simcha Dinitz, a Labor member of the Knesset and a former ambassador to the United States, was elected chairman of the World Zionist Organization Executive by a substantial margin at the 31st World Zionist Congress here.

He defeated his Likud challenger, Science and Industry Minister Gideon Patt, by a vote of 310-220. The election was by secret ballot.

In his victory speech, Dinitz urged President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to put human rights at the centre of their agenda for the summit in Washington. He also pledged to reduce waste and duplication in the WZO and Jewish Agency departments he will be administering.

Simcha Dinitz

Dinitz is virtually certain to be selected for the

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First war criminal charges in Canada

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — Retired restaurateur Imre Finta, the first person charged under Canada's new war crimes legislation, was arrested last Wednesday (Dec. 9) as he attempted to leave the country.

Finta, 76, was apprehended by RCMP officers as he prepared to board a bus for Buffalo after being followed from Toronto, according to Canadian Press reports.

He was charged with forcible confinement, kidnapping and manslaughter in connection with the deportation of 8,615 Jews in Szeged, Hungary between April 7 and June 30, 1944. Provincial court set bail at $100,000 and Finta was required to remain in Metropolitan Toronto, surrender his passport and report to the RCMP twice a week.

Finta's next day in court is set for Dec. 18; however, it appears unlikely a date for a preliminary hearing will be set at that time.

Finta's arrest was applauded by Sabina Citron, who one month ago won a $32,000 libel judgment against him. "At least there's a semblance and modicum of justice" indicated by the arrest, she said.

Five years ago the Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association, which Citron founded, alleged Finta was responsible for deporting Hungarian Jews to their deaths, accusations Finta denied. Finta called them "dirty lies," leading to the libel suit against him.

Citron said she supplied the justice department, which is investigating Nazi war criminals in Canada, with the taped testimony and details about Finta's alleged role in the Holocaust.

According to the sworn information of RCMP sergeant Fred Yetter, Finta "unlawfully caused the death of those Jews who died within three train transports used for their deportation, prior to them reaching their destination."

Ted Thompson, a senior justice department lawyer, said investigators relied, in part, on information provided by Citron.

William Hobson, senior general counsel of the unit investigating war criminals, would not confirm reports he was recently in Hungary gathering evidence in the Finta case, though Thompson acknowledged that Finta was one of the hundreds of subjects mentioned in the Deschenes Commission

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GOOD VIEW

Max Slivka lets 3½-year-old Micah Garten see all the action at Pearson International Airport in Toronto as 250 people prepared to board the Flight of Freedom to Washington for Freedom Sunday. For in-depth coverage, see pages 3 to 6. [Wendy Rosen photo]

Shamir rejects uprising tag

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Unrest in the territories continued into its fifth successive day Sunday — with six soldiers, one Israeli civilian and 13 Palestinians hurt. Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir dismissed talk of revolt in the territories.

The cabinet accepted the thesis of military and civilian security experts that although the unrest in Judea, Samaria and Gaza represented "a peak" in disturbances, it was far from constituting the "uprising" which some of the media had labelled it.

Summing up an hour-long discussion on the unrest, Shamir rejected the suggestion, heard in some news reports, that the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) was "losing control of the situation." Shamir opened and closed the cabinet discussion in place of Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who is in the U.S. (In New York, Rabin blamed the current unrest on Libya and Syria as a means of diverting the attention of the Arab world from the Iran-Iraq war.)

Senior military sources said they did not see "even the beginning" of a rebellion in the territories, but rather a rash of events centred on various locations and instigated by a minority.

The population of the territories was not taking to the streets, although this eventually is a source of concern, the sources said.

They added that the army beefed up its forces in the territories by some 50%.

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Holiday deadlines

Because of the holidays and the resultant delays in mailing, The CJN will NOT publish on Dec. 31. The next edition is scheduled for Jan. 7.

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World-National

Bible Belt's support still spurs doubt

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

"Bible Belt" is the name commonly given to that group of states stretching from the American centre through the south and southwest and is characterized by a preponderance of fundamentalist and revivalist churches. This is also the country where electronic evangelists receive much of their support.

Rabbi Plaut

Bible Belt Christians are split into many denominations, but their theology has several features in common: it stresses the "second coming," with many believing in its immediacy; it looks on the return of Jews to the Holy Land as a necessary prelude thereto and therefore considers the establishment of Israel a divinely willed event; and it makes a literal reading of its Holy Scriptures (comprising the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament) the vehicle for knowing God's will.

Jews have been well aware that much of American political support for Israel has come from the Bible Belt, and it is no secret that it provides Israel's tourist industry with hundreds of thousands of American visitors who come to see the land where their religion had its roots and where they believe the second coming now has its marvelous prelude.

Help is welcome

The support and enthusiasm of the Bible Belters has left many Jews uneasy, for while their help is welcome it is quite obviously given for religious reasons which run counter to Jewish belief. But since we find ourselves in a position where every friend is needed, we have generally accepted the support of the Bible Belt without looking too closely at the motivations which energize it.

Now comes an old friend of mine, Rabbi Joshua O. Haberman, formerly the spiritual leader of Washington Hebrew Congregation, and gives another kudos to the Bible Belt. In an article in Policy Review entitled "The Bible Belt is America's Safety Belt," he proposes the thesis that the Shoah couldn't happen in America because the religious fundamentalists and revivalists are Bible believers, and the Bible is the surest safeguard against any Shoah-like happening.

Bible abandoned

Hitler and Stalin, he writes, were possible only because they had not only abandoned the Bible but in fact identified it and its teachers as their primary enemies. Thus, Alfred Rosenberg, Hitler's chief ideologue, outlined the creation of a new "National Reich Church" with a program which said in point No. 13: "The National Church demands immediate cessation of the publishing and dissemination of the Bible." One of the reasons was of course that the book depicted the Jews as God's own people, and another that it establishes a supreme law to which all rulers, including the fuehrer, would have to be subject.

With Stalin the matter was somewhat different. Communism has no use for religion in general, and Jews are the prototypical Bible adherents. The Bible posits a faith in God as the source of law, the Soviet philosophy substitutes economic necessity for God, with Marx as its prophet and Lenin as its law giver.

Rabbi Haberman concludes that where the Bible reigns, fascism and Communism are unwelcome, and hence a repetition of the Nazi and Soviet atrocities is unlikely.

I would like to believe that, but I have lingering reservations. Certain types of Bible readers are notoriously narrow and intolerant in their social and political views. The American Bible Belt was the nurturing ground for the Ku Klux Klan, and in Canada's own Bible Belt, which is centred in the Western provinces, anti-semitism has on occasion flourished rather than faltered. Rabbi Haberman's thesis is interesting, but not altogether compelling.

Israel's ties to S.A. may hurt Jews

By
DAVID FRIEDMAN

WASHINGTON (JTA)— Israel's ties with the white regime in South Africa could endanger the long-term future of the Jewish community there, according to an Orthodox rabbi from Cape Town.

Rabbi Selwyn Franklin, senior rabbi of the Green and Sea Point Hebrew Congregation in Cape Town, explained in an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that it is "just a matter of time" before majority rule becomes a fact in South Africa. "Therefore, it is very important to take into careful consideration Black attitudes toward Jews," he stressed.

The 48-year-old Johannesburg native was in the United States and Canada to seek support for an organization he founded in 1984, Jews for Justice, which he said is part of the movement for a democratic non-racist society in South Africa.

Franklin said that while he and other Jews were active in anti-apartheid organizations, such as Black Sash and the United Democratic Front, it was felt it was necessary to have a specific Jewish group that could educate the Jewish community to the "true facts."

Jews for Justice has about 1,000 members, evenly divided between Johannesburg and Cape Town, Franklin said. But he added that it is gaining wider support in the Jewish community. On Israel's position, Franklin said that one of the reasons Israel gives for maintaining contacts with the regime of President Pieter Botha is concern for the large Jewish community in South Africa. He said this is a short-term, not a long-term, view.

The soft-spoken rabbi explained that in his contacts with Black activists he finds that the Israeli ties with the Botha government are "alienating the Black community from the Jewish people and certainly from the cause of Israel." This is happening even though all Black leaders know that South African Jews have been activist against apartheid from the beginning. Israel has always publicly condemned apartheid and last September adopted a series of measures to end its military ties with South Africa and restrict commercial activities. But, Franklin maintained that Black leaders view this as "merely window dressing."

"We can't afford to have Black anger against the Jewish community in South Africa," Franklin said. "Israel must do more than just talk about the fact that she opposes apartheid. He said that Nobel Prize winner Bishop Desmond Tutu spoke at the Jews for Justice's freedom seder in Cape Town this year and said while he recognizes Israel's need to preserve its security and territorial integrity, he could not understand how Israel could be involved with South Africa.

Franklin said he was disturbed by reports in the Jewish press in the United States that Tutu had made anti-semitic remarks. He said Tutu denied this and he knows Tutu is not anti-semitic.

An organization like Jews for Justice is needed in South Africa because Jews, like all South African whites, are being misinformed about the situation that exists in the Black townships, Franklin said. He said this is especially true since 1985 when the Botha government imposed a news blackout on anti-government activities.

Franklin said that because of misinformation by the government Jews are afraid, and a community which was once solidly for the liberal Progressive Party is giving more and more support to the Afrikaner-dominated National Party, which before 1948 barred Jews from membership. In the last election, a Jew was elected to parliament for the first time as a representative of the National Party.

Jews, like most South African whites, have almost no contacts with Blacks, except as domesties, Franklin said. He said Jews for Justice has been trying to correct the misconceptions and by exposing to the Jewish community the conditions of Blacks, it has been "righting the balance, in part," Franklin said. He said Jews for Justice meetings are well attended and many people have told him that they were learning for the first time of the hardships being experienced by Blacks.

"Deep down in every Jew's heart, with certain exceptions, I believe there is a real concern for human rights based on our historical experience," Franklin said.

Jews for Justice has been working with Blacks from Crossroads, the Black township that was the scene of what Franklin called government-instigated Black on Black violence. He said the organization provides relief, helps refugees from the violence and is seeking to assist Blacks in starting cottage industries.

Franklin, who was educated at yeshivot in South Africa and Israel and received his bachelor's and master's degrees and smicha from Yeshiva University in New York, took pains to emphasize that he was part of the Jewish establishment in South Africa, as are several other leaders of Jews for Justice. He said he is rabbi of the largest synagogue in the southern hemisphere, a member of the Cape Beth Din, has been active in Israeli affairs and was founding chairman of the National Action for Soviet Jewry.

Franklin said there is a future for Jews in a democratic non-racist South Africa. He denied that Jews were fleeing that country. He said that while many are leaving, it is not "a wave."

South Africa has about 110,000 Jews, down from about 125,000 10 years ago, he said. He stressed that most Jews see their future in that country and won't leave, either because of the currency regulations or because "people have got attachments."

Musician's true talent was his incredible persistence

By
RICHARD COHEN

WASHINGTON —

The first time I heard Vladimir Feltsman play the piano was in a dark Moscow stairwell. We had just finished talking, a sad conversation between a visiting American journalist and yet another Russian Refusenik and, immediately after I left, Feltsman had bolted to the piano. Schubert — rich, somber — cascaded down the stairwell and past the ubiquitous Russian woman who, in either myth or fact, reports all visitors to the KGB. Vladimir Feltsman seemed to be in a prison from which he would never escape.

The next time I heard Feltsman play was at the Kennedy Center. He began with Schubert, moved into Messiaen, finished with Schumann and "went home" only for an encore — a piece by an earlier Russian emigre to America, Sergei Rachmaninoff. President and Mrs. Reagan listened from their box, and afterwards there was a party. This was Feltsman's third American concert — the White House, Carnegie Hall and, now, the Kennedy Center.

There's an old joke about the out-of-towner who stops a New Yorker and asks how to get to Carnegie Hall. "Practice," he's told. Feltsman practiced, but that's not what got him to Carnegie Hall. Instead, it was an indomitable faith, a belief that not even the vast Soviet state — dispenser of apartments, favors and even life itself — could deprive him of the right to play the piano wherever he could.

That day in his Moscow apartment I was sorry for Feltsman — and felt certain he would never be granted permission to emigrate. He applied six years earlier. The punishment was immediate. He was barred from playing the major cities — Moscow, Leningrad — and was banished to tour the provinces. His records were yanked from the shops. In the Soviet context, Feltsman's demand was absurd and selfish. He was not in clear ideological rebellion against the state or a religious Jew yearning for Israel, but a one-time child prodigy who wanted to play the world's concert stages.

Why should a Communist state recognize such an urge? Why should the Soviet Union make an exception for Feltsman? Why, especially, when his father, Oskar, was one of the best known of popular Soviet composers? The American community in Moscow had adopted Feltsman. Did that make matters worse or better for him? The American ambassador, Arthur Hartman, burnished Feltsman's talent by having him play at Spasso House, the ambassador's residence.

Congressmen came to call — Jack Kemp, in particular. Feltsman's apartment was a stop for visiting journalists and he said to them — as he did to me — that he would prevail.

We all make compromises. We all seek to protect what we have. By Soviet standards, Feltsman had plenty. He was a concert pianist. The state was his manager, booking agent and box office. It paid him. It granted him an apartment, small by American — but not Russian — standards. To most Russians, Feltsman lived a sweet life. But he had seen France, Japan, Italy. He wanted more — "artistic independence." For eight years, the one-time toast of Paris played the sticks.

Who are these people — these Russian dissidents and Refuseniks? Who are these people who stand up to the state, who risk all or almost all? What sort of person can weather years of doubt and depression, can actually live the silly things we tell children about perseverance and independence? And why are they often people, like Andrei Sakharov, who have the most to lose? One by one, Sakharov's privileges were stripped from him until he was banished to Gorki. Like Feltsman, he was punished by having his genius starved.

The music critics say we have yet to learn if Vladimir Feltsman is a major talent.

But the true talent of Feltsman — like that of other dissidents and Refuseniks — is not the musical ability for which he is a mere host, but the incredible persistence he has shown.

His talent and those who nurtured it — his wife, the American community in Moscow — helped sustain him, but in the end it was a lone man who sat down to play at the Kennedy Center. His talent brought down the house. His courage brought him there in the first place.

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"Temper skepticism of Soviets with hope," ambassador says

All must defend liberty and morality: Gotlieb

By
WENDY ROSEN

Freedom Sunday

WASHINGTON —
None of us can be indifferent to suffering and pain, the Canadian ambassador to the United States said here.

Allan Gotlieb told about 500 Canadians gathered at the Vista International for their pep rally prior to the march to the Capitol that everyone must defend liberty and morality.

"But if Judaism was able to survive the Nazi death warrant, it will surely defeat Soviet efforts to strangle organized Jewish life and stifle individual self-expression and advancement. It will do so because its values are increasingly mankind's values."

In pointing out that Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's glasnost (openness) policies have not brought an end to the repression in his country, Gotlieb said, "We are convinced that what has been happening in the Soviet Union is not mere public relations."

He tempered this comment by referring to the fact that human rights activists and Refuseniks are still being harassed and all those who want to emigrate have yet to receive permission. (He did note that "a large number of political prisoners have been set free and the emigration numbers have been climbing steadily all year.")

"But if there ever was a time in our relations with the Soviet Union to temper skepticism with hope, now is that time. And one of the key indicators for the future will be the fate of Soviet Jewry."

Gotlieb said that if Jews are allowed to practice and pass on their religious heritage without official hindrance or ridicule, and to emigrate from and return to the Soviet Union, "then we will know that our hopes have been realized."

In referring to the years after 1980 when emigration figures dropped from a high of 51,000 in 1979 to a low of 914 in 1986, Gotlieb said, "The West did not despair. Indeed, we redoubled our efforts. And we made a difference."

He then read a message from External Affairs Minister Joe Clark which stated: "Soviet violations of human rights are well known ... but I am pleased to report there has been considerable progress over the past year which confirms the rightness of the Western approach to this problem."

Clark said that the continued and concerted efforts by Canada and other Western countries has had a positive impact on human rights in the Soviet Union.

"Our successes to date have further strengthened our resolve to do all we can to bring about true respect for human rights in the Soviet Union including the right to emigrate and seek medical help wherever it is available."

Bill Attewell, chairman of the Canadian Parliamentary Group for Soviet Jewry, told the crowd that progress will continue to be made in the human rights field.

"I'm not just talking and demanding freedom (to emigrate) but the need to also end anti-semitism in the Soviet Union. We won't stop until Jews and others can practice their faith openly.

"Despite the great successes, we have only begun to fight."

Dorothy Reitman, president of Canadian Jewish Congress, said the release of "many heroic Refusenik leaders ... are positive developments" and hopefully will mark a new phase for Soviet Jewry.

However, these tactical releases coinciding with Soviet international strategies do not appease the West.

"Let us not forget for one moment the thousands of Refuseniks who still languish in the Soviet Union and the hundreds of thousands of Jews who wait to leave. We cannot, we must not, remain indifferent to their fate."

Just as Barbara Stern, chairman of CJC's National Committee for Soviet Jewry, was explaining to the crowd that because of tight scheduling, a planned appearance by recently released Refuseniks Irina and Dalyia Brailovsky had to be scrapped, in walked a group of former Refuseniks headed by Vladimir Slepak and Shimon Schneerman.

Slepak quickly donned a white-and-red Canadian toque and went to the podium. After the cheers died, he paid tribute to the West, and singled out Canada, for helping him achieve his 17-year dream of living in Israel.

"I'm free because of you. Our concern on Soviet Jews and our stand are strong. Gorbachev must see this and we must support President Reagan when he speaks of the rights of Soviet Jews to be in their own country, to be out of the Soviet Union.

"We must go and say loudly to everybody in the world, 'Shelach et ami' (Let my people go)."

In introducing three politicians who read messages from their party leaders, Stern said that the issue of Soviet Jews is truly a Canadian one.

Sheila Finestone, MP for Mount Royal, read Liberal leader John Turner's message.

It was: "Governments which employ discriminatory and oppressive tactics must be made to understand that the world is watching. We will not be silent when a Soviet Jew is imprisoned or exiled ...."

"I believe that our persistence in speaking out pays off. By focusing a global spotlight on the denial of rights in the Soviet Union, some people have been released.

"We welcome the new glasnost as a positive step. But we also believe it is only the first of many steps ... to reach the day when all Soviet people enjoy full human rights."

Richard Allen, MPP for Hamilton West and new co-chairman of the Ontario Legislature's Committee for Soviet Jewry, read a message from federal New Democratic Party leader Ed Broadbent, which was endorsed by Ontario NDP leader Bob Rae.

"Significant progress has been made in negotiations which will lead hopefully to nuclear disarmament and an end to the threat of nuclear war....

"At the same time, we are aware there can be no real peace nor lasting calm so long as the fundamental rights of any people or any person are denied. Thus the continuing persecution and harassment of the Jews in the Soviet Union — particularly those who seek to exercise their right to emigrate — is a barrier to the peace we seek."

Steve Offer, MPP for Mississauga North and co-chairman of the legislature committee, read a message from Ontario Premier David Peterson.

"On this historic occasion, it is fitting that we should turn our thoughts to the ideals of human dignity and global peace. The world yearns for the day when we will all live in liberty and justice."

Canadian Jewish Congress president Dorothy Reitman addressed the Canadian pep rally in Washington. [Wendy Rosen photo]

Attewell reads letter from Mulroney at rally

WASHINGTON —

Let's not overapplaud the Soviet Union for releasing Refuseniks, the chairman of the Canadian Parliamentary Group for Soviet Jewry said here.

Bill Attewell, one of the speakers at the Freedom Sunday rally in front of the Capitol, told the more than 200,000 people that "all the Soviet Union is doing is starting to live up to its previous commitments."

He then read a message from Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, excerpts from which follow.

"As you gather here today on the eve of the historic summit meeting between President Ronald Reagan and General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev, much attention is focused on the treaty to be signed doing away with intermediate range nuclear weapons.

"But your presence today is a powerful reminder that another equally important subject will be an integral part of this summit — human rights.

"Much attention has been drawn to the recent moves by the Soviet Union in the area of human rights ... all of this is important and we have publicly welcomed the gestures made by the Soviet Union. But it remains only a beginning ... only the tip of the iceberg.

"You may be sure that the government of Canada will continue to press the Soviet Union to honor its international commitments to respect the human rights of its citizens, including the right to emigrate.

"We shall pursue this matter with vigor. I look forward to your continued, strong support for our efforts." — W.R.

Lionel Schwartz of Montreal put a white-and-red Canadian toque on top of his wide-brimmed hat. [Wendy Rosen photo]

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World-National

Canadians return home pumped up and gung ho

By
WENDY ROSEN

WASHINGTON —
We'll be there.

That's long been the motto of Western Soviet Jewry activists but getting here from the two major jump off centres — Montreal and Toronto — for Freedom Sunday was no mean feat.

Barbara Roberts, special projects director of Canadian Jewish Congress in Montreal, began prepping for "Air Congress" on Nov. 9 — "it was just a thrill to be able to pull it off in the little time we had," she commented.

Roberts said that because of her previous experience with an airline, she chose to make her arrangements without going through a travel agent, as the Toronto group did.

"There's always questions. How many people are going to come out? What size plane? Will we fill it? You always have those worries."

Because Montreal chartered a 130-seat aircraft from Canadian Airlines which used United Airlines as a handling agent, they were allowed landing rights at the smaller National Airport — 10 minutes away from the Vista International Hotel, the place where the Canadians rallied.

Roberts said that unlike the Toronto group, she also rented buses to meet the plane direct from a company instead of going through the Washington organizer's office.

"When you deal directly with a company, you can scream and shout if need be a little better."

Although most told her they were booked she persevered and obtained a cancellation.

"We had one lady (Barbara Weisenfeld) make colored signs for the three buses to identify us ... I got out to the airport about 30 minutes before the plane landed and there were the buses with the Montreal signs."

A few days before the Flight of Freedom, Roberts went to the airport to "smooth the waters" with Canada Customs on such matters as the balloons that would be taken, the banners and flags.

(Going through Customs that night, "they never questioned us at all.")

Since the Montreal group had more time to stay in Washington — its charter wasn't leaving until 8 p.m. compared to Toronto's 6.45 takeoff — she arranged for 130 maps of the city and marked a route back to the Vista. This was to allow her group to "take advantage of being in Washington and give them a chance to socialize and talk over the day.

"I'm proud to say that nobody got lost."

An interesting turn of events happened when Roberts was trying to arrange for a ballroom for the Canadian pep rally.

"I called seven hotels and was told to forget it," she said, until she called the Vista and spoke to the catering manager Ali Khan, who once worked at the Queen Elizabeth in Montreal.

"He arranged for us to have the room — as long as we could be out in time for them to clean up before the next event — and everything fell into place beautifully."

Among the people to whom she paid tribute as being instrumental in pulling off the event were Barbara Stern, chairman of the Soviet Jewry committee, Sylvia Abish, mobilization chairman Dodo Heppner, CJC national executive director Jack Silverstone, CJC executive vice-president director Alan Rose, Martin Penn and Anna Gonshor.

Bus captains were Goldie Hershon, Ariella Cotler and Weisenfeld, whose husband Barry "organized the toque campaign."

Roberts singled out Stern as having "the energy of 16 horses" and "getting everyone gung ho here. Without her, nothing would have happened."

As for the Toronto group, Ben Prossin, director of CJC's Committee for Soviet Jewry, said that once the summit date was announced "we started things in motion ... and within a week of the date we had a waiting list."

Prossin contacted travel agent Avi Rodak of Aufgang Travel and almost immediately Toronto Jewish Congress asked to co-sponsor the plane. But the key decision was whether to charter from Worldways a 249- or 148-seater.

"We knew that there would be great interest so we chose the larger plane. By word of mouth ... the list grew. As it turned out, we probably could have filled both planes."

Land arrangements from Dulles Airport in Virginia, about a 45-minute bus ride from downtown Washington, were made with the American summit organizer's office.

"I knew there was going to be a crush getting in and out of the city," he said, adding that the charter had to take off no later than 6.45.

As an extra safety precaution for people who might get stranded in the crowds, Michael Benjamin "graciously offered to loan us two cellular phones," the number of which was given to every passenger in a kit before they boarded the plane.

The only time the number was used was when one man, whose feet were bothering him, called to say he was at the meeting spot for the buses.

Prossin recounted one of the hair-raising experiences with regard to the buses. The arrival at Dulles of five buses was confirmed three days before the rally but that Saturday night Roberts called Prossin to say that the organizers could only spare four. When he called the summit logistics office insisting that there be five buses, the officials relented.

"Everything went smoothly after that ... the buses were waiting at the plane as we'd arranged."

Disaster almost struck on the return trip. When he went back early to the meeting site, the buses hadn't arrived. When 5 p.m. arrived and the buses hadn't, Prossin called the hotline number. They wanted the Canadians to walk about eight blocks to a different site to meet.

"I told them it was cold and dark and demanded they bring the buses to us," he said, adding that they arrived a few minutes later.

Prossin and other organizers, who had the buses wait an additional 15 minutes for a missing student, breathed a sigh of relief when they arrived at the airport and discovered he was already there.

The bus captains were: Steve Ain, executive director of TJC; Hindy Friedman, coordinator for Toronto's celebration of Israel's 40th anniversary; Beverley Livshitz, Prossin's secretary; Randy Spiegel, TJC's assistant director for social planning, and Eti Young, director of two CJC committees.

Freedom Sunday

Barbara Stern has been called the instrumental force in rallying Canadian interest in Freedom Sunday. With her are MP Bill Attewell (left) and former Refusenik Vladimir Slepak. [Wendy Rosen photo]

Rally stirs memories of 63 "Dream" march

WASHINGTON —
It was fitting and poetic justice that the Freedom Sunday rally took place just a short distance from the spot where almost 25 years ago Martin Luther King poured out his heart in his I Have a Dream speech.

Another similarity between that rally and the one for Soviet Jewry on the eve of the historic summit between the leaders of the United States and the Soviet Union was the sheer numbers. American organizers had expected a turnout of about 100,000 people while in fact the police estimated the crowd at more than 200,000 — the same number as turned out to the 1963 rally.

King, the most dynamic American civil rights leader of the 50s and 60s, stood near the Lincoln Memorial in the summer heat and stirred the nation with his dream of social justice.

Though he was referring specifically to racial discrimination in the U.S., his dream of a better world, a world where "freedom rings" from all corners because "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere", can be adapted easily to the Soviet Jewry situation.

Their plight, their dream, their struggle is to be free to be Jews — either in Israel or the Soviet Union.

Although the charter of the United Nations, signed in June 1945, and the Helsinki Accords, signed more than three decades later, guarantees "fundamental human rights," Soviet Jews are being denied the right to emigrate to Israel or be repatriated with their families elsewhere. They are also denied the right to practice openly their religion.

On Freedom Sunday, Mother Nature smiled on the more than 200,000 Jews and non-Jews participating in what has been called the largest rally here for a Jewish cause. Earlier in the week, rain had been forecast and as late as Saturday night, weathermen had predicted a partly cloudy, cold day.

However, Freedom Sunday was a bright, sunny day with the temperature hovering around 40. However, in the massive crowd — think of the field in front of the Capitol as a sardine can and 200,000 people squeezed inside — it was hard to feel chilled, that is until the sun went down, the temperatures plummeted and the crowd started to disperse.

The 10-block route from the Ellipse, where the delegations were assembling, to the Capitol, is steeped in U.S. history.

On a normal day one could probably walk it easily in 15 minutes but this day was different. The last of the groups didn't arrive until almost an hour later.

King, awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964, and his supporters did in fact overcome injustice — Congress passed the Civil Rights Act in late 1968 — but not before an assassin ended his life.

The civil rights leader looked to the day "when all G-d's children, Black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old spiritual, "Free at last. Free at last. Thank G-d Almighty, we are free at last."

Soviet Jewry activists and supporters may not use the same eloquent words for obvious reasons — King was a Baptist minister — but the hope espoused is universal. — **W.R.**

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U.S. vice-president George Bush tells demonstrators:

"No satisfaction till Helsinki promises reality"

By
WENDY ROSEN

Freedom Sunday

WASHINGTON — Never again must we remain silent about the abuse of human rights, the American vice-president said here.

George Bush told a crowd of more than 200,000 at the Freedom Sunday rally at the Capitol on the eve of the summit between the leaders of the United States and the Soviet Union that the Reagan administration is determined to renew its commitment to human rights.

"If we're not courageous enough to stand up for human rights, who in G-d's name will?"

He admitted that it would be easier to negotiate an arms pact without human rights on the table but "that would be untrue to ourselves." Unless and until the USSR fully complies with the values outlined in the Helsinki Accords, the Jackson-Vanik Amendment, which links trade to human rights, should not be repealed.

As for Gorbachev's openness, Bush said, "Let's see thousands released at a time instead of hundreds.

"I will not be satisfied until the promise of Helsinki is reality."

Referring to Gorbachev's comments on an NBC interview several days prior to the summit in which he said Jews are being refused for either security reasons or because it would cause a brain drain, Bush said both were invalid and "Mr. Gorbachev, let these people go."

Mayor Ed Koch of New York called glasnost "a word just like peace in our time was back in 1939."

To thunderous applause, he said, "action not words is what counts."

Referring to a similar protest rally in Moscow by about 80 Refuseniks, Koch said, "the bully boys of Gorbachev came out and assaulted them. That's not glasnost, that's Joe Stalin."

Koch said that there is no glasnost until the thousands of prisoners — "just like under Stalin" — are released.

"We ought not to be taken in ... but hold the Soviet Union accountable and let everyone who wants to go leave."

Jim Wright of the House of Representatives said the collective conscience of people everywhere cries out for an end to arms but "peace is a condition of openness and understanding."

"As we reflect on this ... we renew our commitment to 2 million (the number is actually closer to 2½ million) Jews in the Soviet Union for whom religious expression is an ideal. The right to leave one's land of birth is fundamental ... to keep people there is a form of imprisonment."

Senator Robert Dole, who spoke of his commitment to freedom and the need to link arms control with human rights including emigration, said "I will not rest till all are freed."

Senator Daniel Inouye urged Gorbachev to "let people walk with freedom and dignity" while Senator Thomas Kean said "this time there is no guilt of silence, this time there is a resounding roar."

Kean said that not only is glasnost a test for Gorbachev but one for Soviet Jewry activists and supporters.

"Our commitment is being watched and if we get tired ... we must work hard."

Perhaps overlooking the fact that there were other nationalities present at the rally, Kean asked, "Why is this our duty — because this is America and Americans love freedom."

Senator Jack Kemp called Freedom Sunday "not an ending but a new beginning. Had we not been indifferent to try something during the 40s ... We're standing here saying never again."

To emphasize that human rights is a global concern affecting all spectrums of life, in addition to these political leaders two clergymen, one Protestant, the other Roman Catholic spoke.

Evelyn Pearl of Montreal is seen with Ontario MPPs Steve Offer (left) and Richard Allen at the Freedom Sunday rally in Washington. [Wendy Rosen photo]

Peace, justice linked

Rev. Arie Brouwer, general secretary of the National Council of Churches which represents more than 40 million Protestant and Orthodox denominations, said that Christians join with Jews in the Soviet Jewry struggle.

"Peace is the fruit of justice. Basic human rights and faith essential to a peaceful society ... religious freedom is part of a true and enduring peace.

"Together we struggled to build bridges of understanding. Glasnost increased the hope but we must work to carry it out."

In expressing his encouragement that human rights is on the summit agenda, he said, "History has taught us the government treatment of Jews has indicated its treatment of all people.... I look for the day when righteousness and peace shall kiss each other."

Bishop William Keeler, who represented Archbishop John May, president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, which represents 57 million Americans, said of the Soviet Jews' struggle "our hearts must be with them and our heads rise ... because they suffer.

"Whenever a brother or sister is forgotten or human rights or dignity offended ... we must show our solidarity."

M[illegible] Arad, Israel's ambassador to the U.S., pointed to the fact that some Refuseniks and Prisoners of Conscience have been allowed to emigrate to Israel "but the number bears no relation to the numbers who want out.

"We will not be satisfied until each Jew is free to exercise the Jewish right to live in Israel. The strength of the Soviet Jewry movement is ... together we stand firm in a just cause; together we shall prevail."

He then read a message from the 80 Refuseniks whose demonstration is Moscow was thwarted. It read: "We are certain the day will come when through all our efforts Jews will be free to be with our people."

Morris Abram, president of National Conference of Soviet Jewry, was among the Jewish community leaders who spoke.

He said the world wants to believe the recent release of high-profile Refuseniks is more than a publicity stunt.

"We want to believe Gorbachev will honor his commitment (on previous human rights agreements) and we will make significant headway on human rights. We demonstrate not to change the Soviet form of government but to convince it to abide by promises of previous Soviet guarantees — the right to leave and return to one's own country.

"We are here to affirm the cause of Soviet Jewry. We shall not rest until they are free. We say to the would-be pharaoh, Let my people go home."

Elie Wiesel, honorary chairman of Freedom Sunday, said it was a day of pride but also melancholy.

"It is clear had there been such a demonstration of Jewish solidarity in 1942, 1943 and 1944, millions of Jews would have been saved but too many of us were silent. We're not silent today."

In stressing that peace and human rights are inseparable — the same linkage theme echoed later in the day by many speakers including Josef Mendelevitch, chairman of the Jerusalem-based Information and Educat[illegible] Center for Soviet Jewry — Wiesel said one is justification of the other.

Gorbachev "must prove worthy of our trust and faith, and allow them (Soviet Jews) to be reunited with family" outside the Soviet Union.

"Some Jews are more famous but all are worthy of redemption. All names must become known because all of them need us."

He urged Gorbachev to allow cancer patients to join their families in the West and make it possible for Jews to study Hebrew and their history — "allow them to take pride in their religious heritage.

"We shall be their allies ... We would betray them and ourselves if we didn't. We're giving that message to Gorbachev but also to the thousands of Jews in the Soviet Union who know we're here as long as they need us."

Among the many former Refuseniks on the stage was Natan Scharansky. In pointing out that justice is on the side of the struggle to force the Soviet Union to open the gates, he said, "Gorbachev today destroyed one more Jewish demonstration in Moscow ... (but he can't) extinguish the light of freedom.

"We must not be fooled ... we must not be satisfied with the release of some Jews, not till all Jews who want can go to Israel.

"No we won't be silent ... history will judge that we're right. Stand up, be counted and let our voices be heard. Our struggle doesn't end today. Our struggle and their freedom are the same. As long as we struggle, history is on our side."

Ida Nudel echoed this theme — the idea that the West must not forget those Soviet Jews still struggling to get out. She also took the opportunity to mention names of longtime Refuseniks and made reference to the demonstration disrupted in Moscow.

Later Nudel told reporters that this incident was a sign that the Soviet government was trying to blame Jews for any lack of progress in an arms agreement with the U.S.

With sarcasm dripping from each word, she said, "It is very well know in Russia that Jews rule the world. It is very well known in Russia that Jews rule American society."

The sheer numbers at the rally will indicate the justification of this theory to the Soviets, she said.

"So let them believe it that Jews really rule America," she said, "until all Jews are allowed to go out" of the Soviet Union.

The 2½ hour program was opened by a cantor singing the American anthem followed by a rabbi who blew the shofar. Singer Pearl Bailey opened the official program by singing Let My People Go. Later in the program Peter Yarrow and Mary Travers, from the folk group Peter, Paul and Mary, performed folk songs which they dedicated to the Soviet Jewry movement.

This tyke took a nap during the march from the Ellipse on Freedom Sunday. [Wendy Rosen photo]

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World-National

Rally called an incredible experience

Canadian planners relate logistics tribulations

By
WENDY ROSEN

Freedom Sunday

WASHINGTON —
It was a pumped up crowd of Canadians young and old who returned home from Freedom Sunday.

The one emotional common denominator from all, be it the ones who had taken the "high road" — the so-called Flights of Freedom from Toronto or Montreal (250 and 140 people, respectively) — or the "low road" — a bus trip taken by 30 North American Jewish Students Network members out of Toronto — was gratitude for the chance to perhaps make life easier for 1/6 of world Jewry.

(An additional 40 people from Montreal went to Washington earlier in the week. About 15 Vancouverites drove to Seattle and took the 3,000-mile red-eye flight to Washington. Four Winnipeggers were on the Toronto flight and Shimon Fogel, executive director of the Halifax-based Atlantic Jewish Council, was on the Montreal charter. Other Canadians, especially students at American colleges, joined the delegation at the Vista International Hotel.)

The individual reactions ranged from appreciation of the involvement of young to one youngster who said his participation made him feel closer to his father, a Soviet Jewry activist.

Josh Matlow, 12, a grade 7 student at Horizon Junior High in Toronto, said, "I've never been involved in anything like that before but my father (Judge Ted Matlow who last year visited the Soviet Union) has and it made me feel good to be involved....we have one more thing in common."

The organizer of the college students' trip called the event — including the 24-hour return bus trip — an incredible experience.

Eliza Belman, Network's Soviet Jewry task force chairman, said that the students spent the entire trip talking about activism and Soviet Jewry.

"On the way back there was a feeling that we had done good — there was an air of satisfaction with the way things went but no less energy than on the way down."

Asked if it was worth the gruelling trip, she replied, "We know Gorbachev knew about the rally and it made him aware that if he wants trade concessions, he will have to make concessions on human rights.

"Another effect of the rally is that it will serve to recharge the Soviet Jewry movement — the whole attitude in the last little while has been dead because of glasnost. It made Soviet Jewry an 'in' issue and people will stand up and be counted. Now more than ever we have to make a noise and not be complacent."

This concept of being glad to be there, to be counted, was echoed by most people — the sense of oneness with all Jews regardless of nationality.

Yonina Razin, a freshman at University of Toronto, said that by assembling by state or country, "it was like they were travelling in tribes ... and everybody felt an affinity to each other and the children of Israel."

Many also noted the involvement of Canadian and American politicians and clergymen in demonstrating that, as Morley Wolfe, chairman of B'nai B'rith Canada's Soviet Jewry Committee, said, "the question of human rights is universal and not limited to Jews."

Wolfe then added, "There's no way an individual can tell what impact this kind of gathering will have but it will demonstrate the groundswell of public opinion that says Jews in the Soviet Union do not merit the oppression of being kept against their will ... The only evidence that glasnost and perestroika are constructive programs is permission for Jews to leave in the same numbers as came to demonstrate on their behalf."

Among the politicians interviewed, MP Bob Kaplan of Toronto said as a Jew and a Canadian, he felt lucky to be a part of the "truly distinctive Canadian" assembly.

"There's a tragedy going on there and we really have to try to help. Jews got a commitment on human rights from political and religious leaders ... it showed that it wasn't just a Jewish event."

Mississauga North MPP Steve Offer, co-chairman of the Ontario Legislature's Committee for Soviet Jewry, said the day was an outstanding success and showed "real solidarity" because "it's not often you get so many elected officials, so many people, coming together on one issue and it will make a difference."

While his co-chairman, Hamilton West MPP Richard Allen, another committee co-chairman, said that the message which will reach Gorbachev through the media is that "civil and religious freedom and the issue of peace go hand-in-hand and we can't do much about one without the other."

This message, he said, was reinforced by the "remarkable outpouring of concern on a continental side that was unprecedented" and the conviction with which the speakers addressed the issue.

Michael Stoffman, a student in London, Ont., echoed these sentiments by saying, "The speakers brought things more back to home and made me feel for their lives there. They worked so hard to get themselves out of Russia ... they touched my heart."

Hillaine Kroft, chairman of Canadian Jewish Congress' Committee for Soviet Jewry in Winnipeg, who flew in the day prior to Freedom Sunday to catch the Toronto Flight of Freedom, said "it was a wonderful moving day. I found myself walking along the route and I kept getting choked up. Just the fact that people had come from everywhere to be a part of this. I would have gone twice the distance ... it will put more pressure on Gorbachev but is also helpful to Refuseniks who will know they're not alone."

As long ago as a month, Barbara Stern, chairman of the Montreal-based CJC National Committee for Soviet Jewry, told The CJN that Canadians "can make a difference."

Asked to comment on these words, she replied, "Without a question Freedom Sunday was a turning point ... the interest of all media was far more than we could have possibly hoped for ... I was surprised by the size of the crowd as well as the strength of the messages (from political leaders including an unsolicited letter from External Affairs Minister Joe Clark).

"If anything can make a difference, that rally will — maybe not today but it will. There is absolutely no way the size of the rally can be underestimated ... People came from all over and the extent of that concern — the time, effort and money spent getting there — exhibited by organizations and individuals and not by governments can't be ignored."

As for the morning Canadian pep rally held shortly after arriving here, Stern said the "air of excitement generated" was astounding — "nothing can top the feeling when the Slepaks and Shimon Schneerman walked in."

Former Montrealer Herb Rosenfeld, president of Toronto Jewish Congress, said it was thrilling to see people from the whole of North America pool together in a cause of worthiness.

"The justice that we seek certainly stands a better chance of being achieved as we in the free world demonstrated our opposition to the Soviets' policy on Soviet Jewry vis a vis human rights.

"But it also means we can't sit back and must continue our protests and demonstrations to obtain freedom for our brethren."

Judge Phil Givens of Toronto said he was impressed but not inspired. He said that it was a credible showing on the part of Jews — especially the young people "because we generally feel kids are going to hell in a handbasket ... there is a concern the younger generation is lost to us" and not interested in Jewish causes. This was an example that the youth can become involved in something they care about, he added.

However, Givens said that the speakers lacked the inspirational qualities commonly associated with civil rights demonstrations in the 1950s and 1960s with Martin Luther King. Protesters at the rally were not recipients of the same type of inspirational catharsis as were fellow marchers who listened to King's I Have a Dream speech, he said.

"I'm a senior and out of politics. I'm only here as a Jew and I'm vitally interested in what is happening to our people. There was a real cross section of North American Jewry to demonstrate their gut feeling on how it feels about freedom and what it means to them."

Susan Sole, Judge Ted Matlow and his son Josh are seen at Pearson International Airport in Toronto. [Wendy Rosen photo]

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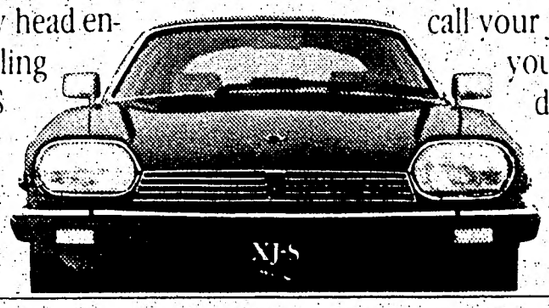

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Among those community and political leaders on the dais at the Canadian pep rally were (from left) MP John Oostrom, Charles Zaionz, chairman of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, and Herb Rosenfeld, president of Toronto Jewish Congress. [Wendy Rosen photo]

DIARY ...of a People

By
DAVID BIRKAN

On Shabbat Chanukah 1899, a 13-year-old Jewish girl was kidnapped and seized by the church in Poland, to be forcibly converted and raised as a Roman Catholic. Many such cases were reported.

Michalina was born to a chassidic family in the Krakow suburb of Kazmierz. Near their home was the famed Stara (old) synagogue, built in the early 16th century, and that of halacha codifier Rabbi Moshe Isserles.

The family's new maid suggested a short walk to Michalina — author Rachel Araten withholds her last name to spare the family any embarrassment, in her book *Michalina: Daughter of Israel*, Philipp Feldheim Publishers. She was taken straight to the Felician convent. The order of Capuchin nuns known as the Sisters of St. Felix of Cantalice opened its Krakow branch in 1865. Its centennial book records that facilities included "a catechumenate (conversion facility) for Jewish girls."

Arrested for abduction

The maid, eventually arrested for abduction of a minor, told police that the girl "had merely peeped into (the convent), was pulled inside by force, and not allowed to leave." She was never brought to trial.

Michalina's father rushed to the convent with a policeman, demanding his daughter back. Convent mother Sister Marie Rosalia brought Michalina to the other side of a grilled barrier. "Father, take me home," the girl cried out. "I want to go home." Sister Marie refused to release her for another five days, telling him it was "important that your daughter gets used to us before she can be allowed visitors."

Krakow's police director refused to try to force this branch of the influential church to disgorge its victim.

Returning after five days, her father was told that Michalina was ill and could not see anyone. Two physicians that her father arranged to send in after her declared the girl perfectly fit.

On Jan. 22, 1900, the police received orders that Sister Rosalia had to release the girl, or go to court. The nun answered that the case "would be held up and drawn out until the child's 14th birthday, when no legal obstacle will stand in the way of her baptism. Meanwhile, she will be removed from here to another place."

Taken to convent

A week later, police informed her father of a notice from Sister Rosalia that Michalina had run away. Witnesses reported she was taken to the affiliated convent of Lagiewniki, near Podgorze. Police there confirmed her presence, but, lacking direct orders, did not intervene. By the time her father received a release order from the Podgorze governor, Michalina was gone.

He set out in a long bitter odyssey to secure her release. He searched from convent to convent across Poland, in Bindzice, Morawice, Wolajustowa, Kenty, and Wielowies. The mayor of Kenty, who made a serious effort on his behalf, was accused of disturbing the peace and sentenced to 10 days imprisonment.

In Tarnow, her father was arrested. In an audience with the minister of justice, he was assured that she would soon be restored to him. She was not. He sought the intervention of the minister for Galicia, who stated bluntly: "All wordly power stops before the walls of the cloister."

In a final effort, he sought an audience with Emperor Franz Joseph, who had approved the convent's Krakow branch in the first place. On April 26, 1900, a month before Michalina's 14th birthday, he laid aside his chassidic garments for the tailored black suit and top hat ordained by protocol, and made his desperate plea before the Kaiser in Vienna. The latter dispatched an order of release, which was ignored.

The girl was spirited to a convent in Ypres. She was baptized, raised as a Catholic, and married into a Polish Catholic family. (More fortunate than most abductees, Michalina eventually rediscovered her past — when she was in her 70s.)

The July 26, 1900, issue of the Polish Hebrew newspaper Hamagid described numerous abductions and forced marriages used by the convent, as well as belief-inducing techniques that make the efforts of present day groups like the Moonies and Jews for Jesus pale in comparison.

Little movement seen on human rights issue

Leaders call summit a clear success

By
DAVID FRIEDMAN

WASHINGTON (JTA) — President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev ended their three days of talks with Reagan calling the summit a "clear success." But from both public and private comments there was no indication that any movement had been made on human rights, including that of increased Jewish emigration.

However, a senior administration official briefing the thousands of reporters who covered the summit, said he would not "classify" the human rights discussion as "a failure." He noted that Reagan pointed out that it was on the issue of human rights in which the different values of American and Soviet societies most "come in contrast, come in conflict." He said Reagan "again encouraged" Gorbachev "to take those actions which are more consistent with those which we believe are prevalent throughout the world for all persons."

In his statement bidding farewell to Gorbachev during a heavy rain on the south lawn of the White House, Reagan stressed that human rights will continue to be discussed with the Soviets. "Our exchange on the subject of human rights underscored the priority we in the Western democracies place on respect for fundamental freedoms," the President said.

"I am pleased that during this summit we addressed this area of heartfelt importance and ensured a continuing dialogue on human rights at the highest levels of our governments."

Gorbachev also mentioned human rights in his departure statement, the first time he referred to it in public. "We have had a useful exchange of views which have clarified each other's position concerning regional conflicts, the development of our bilateral ties and human rights," the Soviet leader said.

He added that "on some of these aspects, it seems likely that we can soon identify specific solutions, satisfactory to both us and to other countries." It was not clear whether this included human rights, or more likely, regional issues.

The senior official said the Arab-Israel conflict was discussed by the two leaders, although it apparently was not a major topic during the discussion on regional issues. The two leaders discussed the importance of solving regional conflicts.

Soviet Jewry activists agreed that no progress had been made on human rights at the summit. "We at least got our licks in," Glen Richter of the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. He was referring to the massive rally in Washington in which some 200,000 participated, as well as the subsequent demonstrations in which Richter took part.

The National Conference on Soviet Jewry took Gorbachev to task for saying he was "tired" of the human rights issue when questioned about it during his meetings with various groups. When Reagan brought up the issue, Gorbachev is reported to have said, "You are not the prosecutor and I am not the accused."

"Mr. Gorbachev has it wrong," the NCSJ said. "The Soviet Union gave the international community the right to judge its compliance with its international human rights agreements."

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By
HUGH ORGEL

TEL AVIV (JTA) — The massive demonstration for Soviet Jewry in Washington prior to the Reagan-Gorbachev summit meeting will have no effect on Soviet emigration policy, a senior Soviet official told Israel Radio's Washington correspondent last week.

According to Vitaly Jurkin, deputy director of the Soviet Institute of the U.S.A. and Canada, the Freedom Sunday rally "will have no influence at all on the situation." The rally drew more than 200,000 people of all faiths to demand free emigration for Soviet Jews.

He said "the Soviet Union is moving ahead along many areas of human rights, including the issue which I personally consider to be a very difficult issue — that of emigration."

He defended new regulations that Soviet Jewry activists say make it more difficult to apply for an exit visa. "The new regulations, as you know, were adopted and the Soviet Union started implementing them at the beginning of this year. The number of emigrants from the Soviet Union increased," Jurkin said.

But he disputed the number of Jews said to be seeking permission to emigrate. "Anyone on the Soviet side who deals with this problem considers as fantastic the figures which are sometimes mentioned — 400,000, 40,000 — I don't know how many thousand.

"So in this sense I don't think the demonstration influenced the Soviet position," Jurkin said. "But at the same time, in this dimension which has nothing to do with the demonstrations — in the dimension of the increasing democratization in the Soviet Union, of glasnost (openness), an attempt to settle really many of the problems which do exist — I think this process will continue."

Jurkin maintained that relations between Israel and the Soviet Union have improved in recent years, and he suggested that the issue should be discussed "calmly and practically."

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, meanwhile, said he was pessimistic about chances that the summit meeting between President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev changed the Soviet position toward the Middle East.

Speaking to reporters during a visit to Kiryat Shemona, near the Lebanese border, Peres said, "I don't think it (the summit) will have a direct effect on Israel."

When asked if Moscow might stop supplying Syria with SAM-22 anti-aircraft missiles and other weapons, he said, "I wish it would — but I'm not sure." He added that the Soviets recently supplied Damascus with more guns and artillery.

The foreign minister appeared disappointed that Reagan and Gorbachev apparently did not discuss an international conference on the Middle East, which Peres strongly advocates as the only feasible opening for direct peace negotiations between Israel and its Arab neighbors.

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Staying power

When the first Chanukah candle was lit this year on the 24th of Kislev (the evening of Dec. 15), Jewish hearts recalled that first Chanukah — which occurred in the year 164 BCE.

It would be tempting to represent the Chanukah story as a simple battle between the Jews and their Syrian-Greek antagonists for supremacy over Jerusalem and the sacred Temple.

The historical record is more complex and thus more interesting. The fact is that during the reign of Antiochus Epiphanes many Jews, including members of the priestly class, were well disposed to the pagan practices and institutions which the Greek world offered.

Assimilation was rife during this period: Jews found themselves sporting Greek clothing, participating in Greek religious festivities and joining athletic contests. The purity of Jewish monotheism was threatened as it never was.

It was at Modi'in (near what is now Lod airport) that the trend was reversed when Matathias and his five sons resisted Syrian-Greek soldiers who had come to the village to demand Jewish involvement in pagan rites.

It took four major battles and many Jewish dead before the army of Judah Maccabee routed the Syrian-Greek occupiers and the Temple of Jerusalem was cleansed of its pagan defilements. Legend has it that the one-day supply of oil used to light the candelabra lasted for eight days — in commemoration of which we light the same number today.

When we kindle those candles today, however, our focus is less on the miracle of the staying power of that oil than the staying power of our glorious brothers — Howard Fast's happy phrase — who recognized that assimilation was sapping the vital essence of Judaism.

Many of Judah Maccabee's contemporaries did not even realize how far they had travelled from the ancestral faith. When the Syrian-Greeks wanted Jews to complete the trek from Judaism to paganism it triggered a vigorous defence on the part of Judah and his band of warriors.

On Chanukah Jews remember ancient sacrifices and strive to remember and preserve the cause for which those sacrifices were made — a strong and vibrant Jewish people.

Extremist elements

President Chaim Herzog scored some very significant personal and diplomatic triumphs during his recent visit to North America. Feted by President Reagan and several Jewish organizations, the Israeli head of state acquitted himself well.

During a visit to New York City where he spoke to the Synagogue Council of America, Herzog was picketed by several thousand people carrying placards bearing slogans such as "Israel a Nazi State."

The pickets were not PLO spokesmen but members of the Satmar Chassidim, a sect of anti-Zionist Orthodox Jews who, through their antics, do little honor to the cause of Orthodoxy.

Ironically, Herzog's message in his address to the SCA was directed towards extremism in Jewish life. He made the point that "some of the most provocative extremist elements" in Israel are funded by groups in the American Jewish community.

With the pickets outside, the Israeli President pointed to their activity as an example of religious extremism and intolerance. It is not surprising that Elie Wiesel, a guest at the Herzog dinner, expressed shame that these religious Jews were damaging the reputation of the Jewish people.

We commiserate with President Herzog. The Satmar Chassidim do not have a monopoly on Judaism. Their misguided views, expressed in an indecent anti-Israel and anti-Zionist political activism, are as ugly as they are absurd.

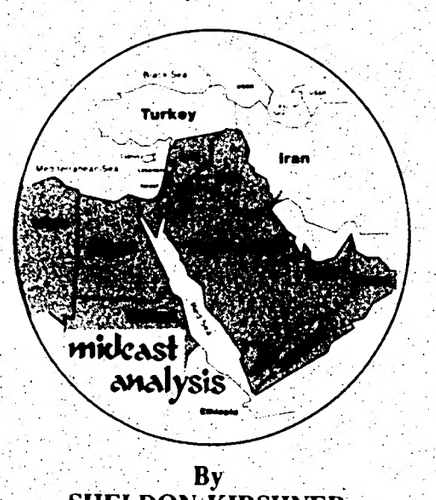
It is unfortunate that the Satmar — whose reputation for the punctilious observance of the mitzvot and communal self-help programs is admirable — have permitted themselves to become part of the engine of anti-semitism which now hides behind the mask of anti-Zionism.

It would be improper to overreact to the Satmar provocations. It would be like striking back at the thorn of the rose which pricks. The Satmar, like the rose, can do nothing else.

The religious extremism of this and other religious groups within Judaism is, thankfully, on the periphery. It is our fervent wish that it remain there.

Early deadlock between Arabs, Jews

Futile tries at rapprochement



By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Neil Caplan is a rare species — a Canadian who has made something of a splash as a historian specializing in the Middle East.

Caplan, who teaches humanities at Montreal's Vanier College, has written two books that specialists and even some laymen have appreciated: *Palestine Jewry and the Arab Question 1917-25* and volume 1 of *Futile Diplomacy: Early Arab Zionist Negotiation Attempts 1913-1931*.

In his latest book, *Futile Diplomacy: Arab-Zionist Negotiations and the End of the Mandate (Frank Cass & Co. Ltd. $32.50)*, Caplan completes the circle. Like his previous works, this one is comprehensive and telling, if not a little dull and ponderous.

As the title suggests, attempts by Jews and Arabs in Palestine to find a pragmatic solution to their mutual problem were destined to fail. From the early 1930s to as late as 1948, the parties to the dispute sought to bridge the yawning gap in their respective positions. But all such discussions, as well as all trial balloons, fizzled out unceremoniously, leaving a bad taste in their wake.

Musa Alami

In 1932, in a penetrating analysis of the situation, Hayim Arlosoroff, the political secretary of the Jewish Agency executive, defined the deadlock.

The Arabs, he wrote, recognized they could not eradicate the Zionist movement. Yet they were convinced they could enforce the establishment of an Arab state in Palestine while ignoring Jewish claims.

The Zionists, he added, could hold their ground, but they knew they were not strong enough to facilitate the continuous growth of the yishuv by immigration and settlement.

Leaders probed positions

By way of conclusion, Arlosoroff deduced that the impasse could be broken if, as a result of an "unceasing increase in Jewish strength," the Arabs would "be driven into a negotiated settlement."

Caplan says that this paradoxical notion, which failed miserably, was taken up by Arlosoroff's successors, David Ben-Gurion and Moshe Shertok (Sharett).

In the years after Arlosoroff's assassination, Jewish and Arab leaders probed each other's firmly held positions quite regularly, only to withdraw in sullen pessimism when it dawned on them that there was really no give and take.

One of the most important encounters took place in August of 1934, when Ben-Gurion met Musa Alami, a moderate Palestinian. Earnestly, the two men produced a draft declaration that was to be published once serious talks got underway. The key phrase read: "The complete realization of the aspirations of the Jewish people in Palestine does not conflict with those of the Arab people."

Rejected legislative council

Brave, but naive, words.

As Caplan points out, there was no "fruitful followup" to the Ben-Gurion/Alami talks. But, in the sense that they served to prove the incompatibility of Jewish and Arab national claims, they were not a complete waste of time. At least Arabs now understood how serious the Zionists were about converting Palestine into a Jewish homeland, while Zionists learned to regard as sincere the Arab fear of "Jewish power."

The failure of Jews and Arabs to reach any meaningful understanding was perhaps best exemplified by their rejection of a proposal by Britain to establish a legislative council in Mandate Palestine.

Knowing that they would be at a numerical disadvantage in such a council, the Zionists would have nothing to do with it. Ben-Gurion warned the Arabs that they should rid themselves of "the mistaken impression that there was the slightest chance for an agreement on the basis of fixing the Jews as a minority in Palestine."

Golda Meyerson

For their part, the Arabs — moderates and extremists alike — proclaimed they would never accept the principle of equal representation between Jews and Arabs in one unitary state.

Having realized that a binational state was a pipe dream, a number of Jews and Arabs looked to a territorial solution under which Palestine would be divided into autonomous or semi-autonomous Jewish and Arab cantons. In the final analysis, however, the Arabs turned down partition, an idea Britain promoted fleetingly after 1936.

According to Caplan, the Arab leadership was unwilling to accept an agreement with the Zionists on the basis of "anything less than keeping them a permanent minority in Palestine."

With the release of the 1939 British White Paper (which envisaged drastic restrictions in Jewish immigration and land ownership) and the outbreak of World War II, there was a sharp decline in Arab-Jewish contacts, but never a total cessation in that activity.

H. St. John Philby, the famous explorer, suggested to Zionist leaders shortly after the start of the war that the king of Saudi Arabia, Ibn Saud, might be persuaded to support the creation of an independent Jewish state in western Palestine if the Zionists used their influence to work for the "unity and independence" of the colonized Arab world. Philby's initiative came to naught, much like Ben-Gurion's 1936 attempt to convince Ibn Saud to sign a treaty with the Jews of Palestine.

Philby's vain effort to involve an Arab state in Palestinian affairs was not unprecedented. In 1933, in what Caplan says was the first attempt by an independent Arab nation to intervene in the Arab-Zionist conflict, Nuri Said, the Iraqi foreign minister, proposed a meeting between Zionist leader Chaim Weizmann and King Faisal of Iraq... a meeting that never materialized.

In 1938, Abdallah, the ruler of Transjordan, published a peace plan whereby Transjordan and Palestine would be joined to form a United Arab Kingdom and under which Jews would be granted self-government and a "reasonable" level of immigration. In 1946, with tension building again in Palestine, Abdallah got into the act once more.

King Abdallah

King Abdallah, whose territorial ambitions were no secret, promised to work for the partition of Palestine if the Zionists supported his ambition of taking over Syria. Abdallah and the Zionists would meet again before their talks were finally broken off.

Meanwhile, Britain laid the Palestine question before the United Nations, and Zionist representatives Abba Eban and David Horowitz met with the secretary-general of the Arab League, Abd ar-Rahman Azzam. That meeting can only be described as an abysmal failure. Azzam, declaring that Zionism was merely "a temporary phenomenon," came out clearly against partition, and this convinced Eban that Jewish statehood could only be achieved in "the hot crucible of war."

As the mandate entered its final days and all-out war loomed closer, there was one last-ditch attempt to defuse the conflict through diplomacy. Golda Meyerson (Meir) and her deputy, Ezra Danin, went to Amman for talks with Abdallah, now under immense pressure from the Arab world to join the pan-Arab crusade against the Zionists.

Abdallah told them he had no choice but to join Egypt, Syria and Iraq in their intended war against partition. War, he warned, could only be avoided if the Jews postponed their declaration of independence, accepted a plan for autonomy status in an Arab state, and put their trust in him.

We all know what happened after that. And thanks to *Futile Diplomacy*, we now have a better idea why the whole notion of Arab-Jewish amity collapsed like a house of cards.

Opinion

JCA and the story of Canada's Jewish farmers

By
DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL —

On May 26, 1892, the Canadian Gleaner published an article about 49 Russian Jewish families settling onto 12,488 acres of undeveloped farmland in the Assiniboia district of Saskatchewan, about 20 miles from Oxbow.

"God help the poor Jews," stated The Gleaner, a prescient comment in light of the travails that would await them.

The first agricultural colony in Canada on land purchased by the Jewish Colonization Association (JCA) had to contend with drought, hail, grasshoppers and, above all, its own lack of farming expertise.

Nonetheless, for the destitute and downtrodden homesteaders seeking a safe haven and a new life away from the ravages of pogroms and oppression in Russia and Eastern Europe, even the unforgiving climate of Canada's Western plains provided welcome salvation.

The new settlers conveyed their gratitude by naming the colony Hirsch, after the JCA's founder, Baron Maurice de Hirsch.

The wealthy German Jewish financier, concerned with Jewish suffering in Eastern Europe, had founded the JCA as a London corporation the previous year.

According to *Through Narrow Gates*, a definitive history of Jewish immigration to Canada until 1940, authored by former Canadian JCA director Simon Belkin, Baron Hirsch's initiative was intended "to assist and promote the emigration of poor and needy Jews from Europe and Asia, where they are deprived of political rights . . . to establish agricultural colonies in diverse regions of North and South America."

In Canada, as in Argentina, Palestine, and other nations, the JCA used part of Hirsch's initial 2-million pounds sterling endowment (followed by another 8 million pounds) to finance the emigration and resettlement of tens of thousands of Jews into agricultural colonies, providing both material and spiritual sustenance until the communities could financially fend for themselves.

The Canadian Jewish Congress archives inform that money was loaned on easy terms. The JCA paid for housing, buildings, equipment and livestock. Agricultural schools were also established, as well as synagogues and mikvahs. Whether the land was purchased or leased by the JCA, settlers were encouraged to purchase their own farms when it became financially viable.

Unfortunately, viability was not always the outcome in Canadian settlements.

From the Hirsch colony's establishment to the cessation of JCA activities in Canada in 1978, its history has been marked by both inspiring success and abysmal failure. But the consensus is clear that the JCA — now commemorating its 96th anniversary — left behind an important legacy in Canada.

Until the creation of the Canadian Committee of the JCA in 1906, the organization operated in Canada under the aegis of the Baron de Hirsch Institute in Montreal and then the Jewish Agricultural and Industrial Society of New York.

It was during those years that the JCA's first 10 colonies in Western Canada and Quebec were founded. In Saskatchewan, they included Hirsch (1892), Lipton (1901), Cupar (1901) (near Regina), Sonnenfeld (1906) (west of Estevan), Narcise (1903) (north of Winnipeg), and Trochu and Rumsey (1906) (between Calgary and Edmonton).

Quebec settlements were La Macaza (1904) and Ste-Sophie (1904), in the lower Laurentians north of Montreal.

The ensuing decades of settlement in Canada provide ample evidence of the achievements and miseries that accompanied the tides of history and the vicissitudes of climate.

During the JCA's first decade, inexperience and an unforgiving climate forced many colonists in Hirsch to abandon their farms.

Between 1907 and 1914, a Canadian committee of the JCA consisting of six members named by the JCA and the Baron de Hirsch Institute was established to help consolidate and to oversee the hundreds of settlers in the West and in Quebec and to assist the hundreds of other Jews expected from Russia.

During that period of growth, several other settlements were founded by the JCA in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. By 1914, the Canadian committee had placed 1,000 Jews on 250 family farms, with 15,000 acres being cultivated. By 1919, the five settlements in Saskatchewan boasted a population of 800.

Congress archives show that Jewish farmers flourished during the period of World War I because of a rapid rise in agricultural prices.

But if the war years were profitable, the postwar years proved to be devastating. Between 1921 and 1925, the effect of a post-war decline in the price of agricultural produce to farmers who had overextended their credit forced several into bankruptcy. Farms were abandoned, four small settlements disappeared, and populations decreased.

A Jewish immigrant farmer sits with prayer books by his side in front of the synagogue of the Sonnenfeld, Sask. farming colony of the Jewish Colonization Association in 1918. [CJC National Archives]

Rejuvenation came when the JCA's Canadian Committee adopted the "direct colonization" strategy used in Argentina to place colonists on farms already established. But the Great Depression ended hopes for prosperity. By 1935, many of the Jewish colonies on the prairies were dissolved.

A decision taken by the JCA Canadian committee to focus its attention in the East following World War II proved to be one that once and for all allowed farmers to achieve a measure of success that has stood the test of time to this day.

The fertile soil of the Niagara Peninsula in southern Ontario provided a rich source for cultivating fruit, as well as for dairy production and poultry farming. In 1949, the Canadian committee placed families in about 20 farms in the region. Many had come from the postwar "displaced persons" camps in Austria and Germany, and the prosperity of their farms enabled them to become independent farmers.

In the final 25 years of JCA activities in Canada, hundreds of other Jewish immigrants were loaned money to help them plant roots in Canada. Thirty loans in 1954 were made to Jewish landowners in the Woodstock and Spencerville-Kemptville regions of Ontario, and to Jewish immigrants in St. Hyacinthe, St. Damase, St. Jean Baptiste, Frelighsburg, and Clarenceville, in Quebec.

Another 100 Jewish-Hungarian families were helped mostly in the Beamsville region of southern Ontario in 1957. The JCA's activities continued through the 1960s and 1970s, providing loans to about 130 Jewish farmers. Loans continued until 1975, but the increasing cost of land moved the JCA to wind down its activities in Canada. The JCA no longer owns any land in Canada, and all outstanding loans have since been repaid.

Fortunately, says Mark Lister, the head of JCA activities in Canada from 1951-1978, many Jewish farmers continue to reap both crops and a comfortable livelihood in regions across Canada. He said there are still a few farmers in Saskatchewan's Sonnenfeld and Hirsch colonies, and some more individual ones in Manitoba and Quebec.

In Eastern Ontario, he estimated, about 50 or 60 farming families continue to prosper in areas like Spencerville-Kemptville.

Most heartening about the JCA's activities in Canada, said Lister, was "to see immigrants come here with little education, but with a keen interest to succeed. They're still working on farms, still attached to the land."

He recalled the Who's Who of prominent Canadian Jews who played a vital role in the association's Canadian activities. Among them were Samuel Bronfman, Sam Jacobs, Lazarus Phillips, Louis Rosenberg, Lyon Cohen, Harris Vineberg and Arthur Pascal.

The JCA continues to be a vital force, especially in Israel, where it has focused its activities since the founding of the Jewish state.

The JCA now conducts 90% of its activities in Israel's pre-1967 borders.

These include dollar-linked shekel loans to settlements and for facility development in agricultural educational institutions. The majority of the educational loans are converted into grants.

Ten per cent of JCA aid is also reserved for agricultural research projects. Several experimental projects funded by grants are presently being conducted with the cooperation of Israel's agriculture ministry in moshavim across Israel to increase plant yields, as well as other projects to improve the financial position of moshavim.

According the Chanan Lehmann, the JCA administrator in Israel, the association's focus has shifted away from settling Jews to bolstering government-established settlements. Short-term and long-term loans are provided to furnish cash flow until crops get to market and to finance the construction of buildings, hothouses, irrigation systems, livestock and machinery.

The association, however, has not swayed from its original, socially conscious commitments.

Lehmann perceived the JCA's future as being "closely tied to agriculture, including education, with intent of strengthening agriculture. We see a most important function in helping the agricultural schools, which are composed in large measure of socially disadvantaged children, to overcome the social gap in Israeli society."

The JCA's contribution to the building of Jewish life in Canada, however, remains its most enduring legacy here.

In an appraisal in *Through Narrow Gates*, Belkin observes that the JCA in Canada "made the greatest single contribution to immigrant aid work in the country. With its formidable investment it helped in the settlement of the Canadian West and ranked among the first non-Anglo-Saxon private organizations to participate in the historical development of Canadian agriculture. . . .

"(It) also helped to raise the prestige of the Jewish community throughout Canada and helped to prove their value as citizens of a free society."

Many sons and daughters of Jewish farmers, as a result, became prominent Canadians in the professions, business and industry.

Those children who continued as farmers in the parents' pioneering footsteps, he writes, "are a living monument to their parents' courage and are a credit to the community."

Should Chief Rabbis take stands?

By
CARL ALPERT

JERUSALEM —

Should the Chief Rabbis of Israel emerge from their religious ivory tower and take a stand on some of the pressing problems facing the country today, though these may not necessarily be directly related to observance of ritual ceremony? Why do they remain silent on certain moral and ethical matter?

These are some of the questions being asked today, not only by secularists and critics of the religious establishment, but also by many Orthodox Jews who regret what appears to be the seclusion of Israel's rabbinate in general from the immediate problems of daily life.

We put these questions to Rabbi Yedidya Atlas, who serves as spokesman of the institution of the Chief Rabbinate. He had several replies.

First of all, it should be borne in mind that their style is not like that of politicians. They were not chosen for their public appeal qualities, like representatives in the Knesset. Indeed, neither of the two Chief Rabbis has ever ministered to a congregation; they had always been dayanim, judges in religious courts, operating out of judicial chambers. This is not an excuse, he hastened to add, but an explanation.

Having said that, he denied that the rabbis have been silent. They have issued public statements condemning violence on the Sabbath. They consider stone-throwing on Shabbat a violation of the sanctity of the day. They have called on the public to combat road accidents. They have encouraged aliya. They have condemned yerida — abandonment of Israel. Their statements on these and other issues have been proclaimed repeatedly, but have for the most part been ignored by the press.

The only time the Israel press gives any publicity to the Chief Rabbinate, Atlas implied, is when there is controversy or disagreement or criticism. Government ministries, headed by politicians, and other government agencies, all have public relations departments with adequate budgets to assure the projection of a good image. The Chief Rabbis' public relations budget is — zero, and Atlas serves as their spokesman on official occasions, on a voluntary basis. Their budget is so stringent, he revealed, that there is no provision to serve tea or coffee to visitors, unless the guest asks for it.

Misunderstood by the general public, ignored by the press, and subject to disparagement by critics, the Chief Rabbis nevertheless exercise considerable influence by virtue of their joint posts as head of the Rabbinical Supreme Court, and chairman of the Chief Rabbis' Council. The law gives the rabbinical courts full jurisdiction in all matters dealing with personal status, such as marriage and divorce, and such items as kashrut supervision. The council deals with major policies, and of late has taken stands on heart transplants, Ethiopian Jews, burial in tiers — because of the growing lack of cemetery space — and other delicate matters.

The position of Chief Rabbi was first set up in the previous century under the Ottoman Empire, which recognized the Rishon LeZion, the religious head of the Sephardi community. The Ashkenazi Jews were not recognized by the Turks. With the establishment of the British mandate over Palestine, the institution of the Chief Rabbi was given renewed legal status, but an Ashkenazi incumbent was recognized as well. The first to hold the latter post was Chief Rabbi Avraham Kook, who served from 1921 until his death in 1935. The State of Israel continued their legal status by a law passed in 1953. Both are paid by the state, like justices of the civil supreme court.

Today the Rishon LeZion is rabbi Mordecai Eliyahu, a man in his middle 50s; the Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi is Avraham Shapiro, about 72. The two work in tandem, in the closest of cooperation. Indeed, Atlas revealed, at the desk of each there is always a second chair, to be occupied by his colleague should he come in for a visit or consultation. The Chief Rabbis are chosen for a 10-year term. Election is by an electoral board which is in turn appointed, 50% by the religious courts and rabbis, and 50% by the representatives of all the political parties, irrespective of their stand on religion.

Why two? Why not one Chief Rabbi? The reason lies in the historical origin of the post, said Atlas. Eventually, there is little doubt that one Chief Rabbi will serve the unified community. The existing rabbinical courts operate without separation.

He granted, too, that the nature of the rabbinate in the country will change. Rabbinical preparation today provides for training in community counselling and for attention to the esthetics of Jewish observance in addition to Talmudic scholarship. The old rabbis cannot be changed, but changes will come with the younger generation.

Atlas himself is a 5th generation American. He holds six smichot (ordinations). Since he cannot make a living as spokesman of the Chief Rabbis, in whose offices he spends considerable time each week, he writes for overseas papers on geopolitical and geostrategic affairs in this part of the world. Many of his thoughtful articles have appeared in the Wall Street Journal and distinguished periodicals. He is an officer in the Israel Defence Forces and serves reserve duty, sometimes as much as a couple of months a year, as chaplain with an infantry unit. He has five children, and lives in Bethel, in Samaria.

With his American background, Rabbi Yedidya Atlas certainly knows what is required to improve the image of the Chief Rabbinate. Changes within the establishment will obviously take time, but in the meantime he is still faced with a hostile and non-cooperative press.

Opinion

Biography profiles banker

Warburg aroused ire by urging peace with Egypt

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

With its network of offices in Canada, the U.S., Britain, Switzerland, Japan, Australia and Hong Kong, S.G. Warburg & Company is one of the world's leading merchant banks.

For many years, until his death five years ago, Siegmund Warburg presided over its fortunes. The scion of a long line of bankers, Warburg was a titan in his field, an impression that Jacques Attali reinforces in his rather rambling biography, *A Man Of Influence (Methuen, $27.95)*.

Associated with major financial developments in the capitalist world, he played a role in the financing of German reparations following the 1918 Treaty of Versailles; helped devise the "cash and carry" scheme which enabled Britain to purchase much-needed merchandise from the U.S. during World War II; foresaw, and participated in, the age of corporate mergers, and, long before anyone else, predicted the emergence of Japan as an economic giant.

Born in 1902, in the German town of Urach, he was the only child of George and Lucie Warburg. The Warburgs were rich and influential, a Sephardic family whose furthest recorded ancestors lived in North Africa and Italy.

In the 16th century, they settled in what is now Germany, and lived under the names of von Cassel, von Warburg and, finally, Warburg.

World War I ruined Warburg's father, his fortune evaporating in the German Empire loans that the ill-fated Weimar Republic would never repay. Perhaps as a result of this disaster, Siegmund was initially turned off by banking. He would have preferred to be an academic or a writer, like his distant cousin Aby or his New York second cousin, James.

But Max, his uncle, persuaded Siegmund to try banking, at least for a year or two. It was a turning point in his life, writes Attali, a French Jew who advises President Francois Mitterrand on financial matters.

In common with all young Warburg bankers, Siegmund went abroad, namely London, to learn the ropes. A year later, he married Eva Maria Philpson, daughter of the managing director of a Stockholm bank closely associated with his uncle Fritz.

After his marriage, he worked in New York with two of his relatives, Paul and Felix Warburg, two of the most powerful bankers in the U.S.

Returning to Germany, Warburg took up a position in the family bank, and there he remained until 1933, the eventful year in which Hitler became chancellor.

Less than two months after the Nazi takeover, Warburg, upset that two of his friends had been arrested at their homes without a warrant in the middle of the night, asked an old family friend, Foreign Minister von Neurath, to intervene.

Von Neurath deeply disappointed him, saying he could do nothing about the situation, deplorable though it may have been. The meeting ended when von Neurath looked Warburg straight in the eye and said: "Good-bye and good luck." Now cognizant that his beloved Germany was beyond redemption, Warburg made the fateful decision to emigrate.

In this climate of fear, Attali says, Warburg went off to New York to determine whether he could reconstitute his career on Wall St. He saw Felix Warburg, then John Schiff, also a relative. Schiff offered him a place with the investment house of Kuhn and Loeb, but he declined. Warburg wanted his own bank, and was already thinking of setting one up somewhere in Europe, near Germany.

He settled on London, a centre of banking.

In 1938, shortly after Germany annexed Austria, Max, Warburg's uncle, was given to understand that his future in Nazi Germany was less than bright.

Called to Berlin by Hjalmar Schacht, an old associate who was now heading the Reichsbank, Max was informed that his "usefulness" had come to an end. He, too, left Germany. The only Warburg who did not emigrate was Otto, who had won the 1931 Nobel Prize in medicine. Somehow or other, Otto Warburg lived in Germany, unmolested, throughout the duration of the Third Reich.

In the years leading up to World War II, Attali observes, Siegmund Warburg established a firm base in London, and assisted German Jews in transferring their money to Britain, Holland and Palestine.

Although *A Man Of Substance* is largely about Warburg's amazing success as a banker, it also delves, as best it can, into his personality and his involvement with Zionism and Israel.

He was a person of "tremendous charm", affability, refinement, precision of mind, patience and curiosity, according to Attali.

However, there was a dark side. He "did not value" those who did not stand up to him. Yet he could not tolerate those who had the courage to do so. And, Attali adds, he could lose his temper easily.

Warburg led "a very simple life," and seems to have had a balanced attitude toward money.

Attali quotes him as saying: "Often, when I go around this strange world, I come across people who have a sort of erotic relationship with money — a relationship as passionate as with a woman whom you adore blindly. I find this irrational relationship with money difficult to understand, but it amuses me..."

Like his relatives, Warburg was an assimilationist who had no use for Zionism. However, he followed with interest the affairs of Jews he had helped settle in Palestine. After the Holocaust, he became a "resolute partisan" of Jewish statehood.

Warburg saw Israel for the first time in 1960, and was very affected by his visit to Kibbutz Degania, where several of his relatives lived. He was neither a Zionist nor an anti-Zionist, but followed Israeli affairs closely, Attali notes.

He contributed to the Weizmann Institute, but not to the United Jewish Appeal, being of the opinion that it fostered Israeli chauvinism.

After the Six Day War, he became active in the Israel Corporation, a body designed to channel foreign capital to the Jewish state.

In 1978, several months after Anwar Sadat's historic journey to Jerusalem, Warburg, Edmond de Rothschild and Nahum Goldmann, among others, met the Egyptian president in Paris. Impressed by Sadat's professions of peace, Warburg composed a dovish manifesto that, to his disappointment, his friends refused to sign. In it, Warburg urged Israel to accept Sadat's outstretched hand and criticized the building of settlements in the occupied territories.

As Attali points out, the manifesto "caused a huge scandal" in Britain's conservative Jewish community. But Warburg was steadfast. "Many Jews inside and outside Israel share my point of view but do not wish to express it publicly for fear of appearing disloyal toward Israel," he wrote. "In fact, loyalty obeys moral principles which transcend any other sort of fidelity."

Warburg continued his activities on behalf of peace in the Middle East. In 1979, in New York, he conferred with the Egyptian ambassador to the U.S. to explain his idea of economic stability in the region as a guarantor of peace. Attali, unfortunately, doesn't elaborate.

In the same year, Attali notes, he sent a letter to Sadat, urging him to be patient in negotiations with Israel.

If Warburg admired Sadat, he surely disliked Menachem Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister. In 1980, the Hebrew University advised him he would receive an honorary degree. He replied he could not accept it in person as long as Begin was in power. In a letter to a friend, Warburg aired his criticism of Begin's West Bank colonization policy, declaring it to be "contrary to the interests of Israel."

Attali's book, which has been translated from French into English by Barbara Ellis, is competent. But far too often, Attali rambles on endlessly and tends to be repetitious, all to the detriment of one's reading pleasure.

A Man Of Influence could have been a first-class work, given the treasure trove of material at Attali's disposal. But in its present form it is no more than an ordinary account of an extraordinary man.

Siegmund Warburg

A modest proposal:

Move Christmas to July 1

By
ELAINE KAHN

This is the first Chanukah we will spend in Richmond Hill and what I miss is the front window alcove we had in our Toronto livingroom.

People are skeptical when I tell them it's the small things I had in Toronto that I miss, that nothing major in my life has been changed by the move here. It reminds me of when the twins were born and people, operating on stereotypes, refused to believe we were happy.

Not only have I here not been able to duplicate whatever it was about that alcove that kept my African violets in continuous bloom, but it was the perfect public spot for our chanukiot. The new neighborhood has a greater need of seeing those candles — we are the only house on this street without Christmas lights.

I don't want the glowing chanukiot in a window to in some way compete with the beautiful Christmas lights — it's more that I want to be able to show that we do things differently, openly, proudly, and want to share the experience. Before I go the way of the Edsel.

It was while I was living in New York that I first heard of lots of Jews having Christmas parties, exchanging Christmas gifts (often in addition to Chanukah presents), having Christmas trees. I have since argued the case for letting each group maintain the dignity and integrity of its own winter holiday, but dignity and integrity can't hold a candle to TV ads, nail-biting parents anxious not to alienate their intermarried offspring, and Magen David tree ornaments.

A party is just a party, I am told, a tree is just a tree, a cigar sometimes is just a cigar — my argument in that context all falls on deaf ears, even on New Year's eve when I use the same noisemaker I bought for Purim, but non-Jews have to grab one from the cocktail waitress. So Jews rush like pickled herrings to the sea, even while knowing that January brings despondency, unmanageable credit card bills and a high suicide rate.

Most often I hear that these Jews, momentarily traditional, do all this for the sake of the children. The tree with the lacquered bagel decorations will keep the kids from feeling deprived. And "we thought of letting them go over to our Gentile friends to help them decorate their tree but (a) vicarious gratification will scar our babies emotionally, (b) we don't want them to interdate, (c) what makes you think we have Gentile friends?

Because annually arguing my point saps the energy that would be better spent learning to make sufganiot, I have searched for a solution to all our problems and, naturally, I have found it. Because we all seem to be in this Christmas season together, because the world shuts down for a week, the stores are bedlam for months, the postal system claims to get worse, the government doesn't operate and it would be good for the economy for Jews to buy Christmas paraphernalia (even if wholesale), because nothing else brings us together as strongly as a nation, I think we should admit that this is, in fact, a national holiday and we should all celebrate it.

We should call it Canada Day.

Then, on July 1, all us nostalgic types who really care about Chanukah and Christmas as separate and meaningful can come to my house.

The Christians can meet in the livingroom to retell the story of a man who inspired a new religion. The Jews can meet in the den to tell of the people who fought to retain an old one.

Then all of us, every single one, can meet in the diningroom for tea.

After all, I have service for 16.

Opinion

Make Chanukah a daily event for children

By
J. B. SALSBERG

For a long period of time Jewish children in many countries sang lustily the old Yiddish Chanukah song, "Chanukah, Chanukah, a yontef a sheiner!" (a beautiful holiday). And so it was for the young of our forebears who lived mainly in the less-than-friendly East European countries and especially so since it took place in mid-winter, the season that was particularly bleak for Jewish children in Eastern Europe.

J. B. Salsberg

In such circumstances Jewish parents did not require bloated purses to stimulate or to magnify the joys of Chanukah in their homes. Chanukah was the event when the kids were released from the typical "cheder" for an entire week!

It was also a joy to play, with the approval of parents, dreidl, to eat potato latkes, grivenes, etc.

Last, but not least . . . the excitement of receiving "Chanukah gelt" after the lighting of the Chanukah candles at the end of each day of the Chanukah week.

One should, of course, also remember that in those days the Christmas competition with our Chanukah was, and I speak of the shtetlech and not of the few larger cities in which Jews were allowed to live, of no serious consequence. The general, the non-Jewish, population was also poor and few (if any) of what we now know as "Christmas items" were displayed in the few languishing shops. In short there were no Christmas carnivals, as we know them here, to compete with or to influence us. So Chanukah shone brilliantly on "on our side of the street" and kids had a wonderful time without money. But today:

Oy, today!

Today we live in cosmopolitan cities and the commercialization of Christmas has, as they would say nowadays, broken through the sound barrier. Parades, Christmas sales, Santa Clauses by the hundreds on corners and in every retail outlet, the media are taken over by Christmas advertisements, and the entire yarid (market day in the town square) becomes possessed by the commercial frenzy that reaches hurricane proportions when the Christmas date arrives. This mass hysteria is criticized and opposed by churchmen and others but, can one harness a whirlwind?

So what of the Jewish kids in such surroundings? They are, of course, caught up in Christmas circus, not religiously — religion has long ago been exiled from the Christmas promotions; it doesn't even receive a free commercial from the sales promoters. But the younger members of our Jewish youth brigades are often confused as well as feeling deprived. We owe it to this freshly rising generation of impressionable youth to help them meet the outside blasts without emotional harm.

I know, of course, that our Jewish schools, the synagogues and many of our social and cultural institutions have Chanukah affairs and candlelightings of one kind or another. All that is to the good. I also know that most Jewish children receive Chanukah presents. That's OK, too, so long as such presents are not in the expensive category. But I think that young Jewish parents should plan inexpensive but ongoing Chanukah affairs for the younger children on a neighborhood basis. All this on an ongoing day-to-day basis in the immediate neighborhood. A Chanukah event every day of the Chanukah week.

It would seem to me to be ideal if that younger age of Jewish children in a given neighborhood have: A Chanukah breakfast in one home; a Chanukah lunch in another house on another day; etc., etc., etc. Chanukah for such children will become a living experience and an unforgettable one.

Such neighborhood Chanukah affairs need to be provided with a cultural program of readings, recitations, singing, playing of records or tapes and/or recitations.

(Having written all of the above I walked myself to a mirror and said to the other me: Chutzpah! When have you become an expert on how children should celebrate Chanukah and what parents may do to promote this valuable enterprise?)

My other half may be right; but I feel very strongly about the need of our young to meet the Christmas blasts without emotional or psychological damage. I also feel strongly about providing not just one or two Chanukah affairs a year for the younger generations, but to plan for them a continuous, daily involvement in one or another Chanukah affair, or celebration.

Excuse me, my highly esteemed readers, if I ventured into areas that you know and understand much, much more fully than I do. But I mean well.

Indeed I still remember when as an 11-year-old and from a praiseworthy Orthodox Jewish home I, filled with guilt, sneaked into the old Eaton store and then up to the "Christmas Toy floor" where one of Eaton's many Santa Clauses operated. (Oh, no! I certainly didn't even come close to Santa. Heaven forbid!)

So, let's help our kids. Let's make Chanukah an exciting, memorable and enriching experience every single day of Chanukah! Wish I were young again. Happy Chanukah, young and old.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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CHOKES ON CIGAR STORY

Alas, the regality of your Nov. 26 The Elegant Life magazine supplement was marred by David Birkan's obnoxious article, "The heady taste of a good cigar."

Tobacco is a lethal drug and its smoke pollution has been proven harmful.

If a smoker of hashish had submitted a similar ecstatic article about his drug addiction, you would probably have referred him to a social agency and a doctor.

For shame! Is the publication of such an article "Jewish" or even conducive to "living?"

When cigar addicts and the rest of tobacco smokers butt out, we may well be on the way to relative "elegant living."

Gershon Pick
Toronto

David Birkan replies: Ever since the Garden of Eden, all good things — including good intentions — have had their dark side.

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DELIGHTS IN CIGAR STORY

Just as I am delighted by David Birkan's rhapsodic salute to cigar smoking, so am I nauseated by the number of hypochondriacs obsessed with the fear of inhaling smoke from a good Cuban cigar.

Those same hypochondriacs ought to consider the amount of carbon monoxide they inhale from the exhaust pipes of cars in traffic while waiting for a bus.

Is it true that smoking a good cigar can kill you?

My answer is this: I have been smoking Cuban cigars as well as a pipe since the age of 16. I am now 87 and I continue to enjoy them both.

Archie Kinberg
Hamilton, Ont.

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URGES RABBI TO RETURN

I was distressed to read Rabbi Mordechai Glick's Nov. 19 letter headed "Irate rabbi quits Congress."

He resigned as an officer of the Quebec Region of Canadian Jewish Congress to show his objection to the stand taken by Congress on Israel's Law of Return.

Rabbi Glick was a particularly valuable officer and it distresses me to lose his services.

Insofar as his feelings that Congress has gone beyond its mandate by involving itself in essentially non-Jewish issues, I have already informed him that I share his position without reservation.

Perhaps of greater interest is that I raised this question at a national officers' meeting quite recently.

To my surprise, there was very considerable agreement with this position. A majority of the officers present felt that the orientation of Congress — and in particular its Law and Social Action Committee — should be changed drastically and immediately.

A procedure was devised to give effect to the officers' feelings in an orderly and dignified manner, so as not to render any insult to those who had served Congress conscientiously according to their best beliefs.

While there is currently some maneuvering to frustrate the expressed wish of the officers, I am confident that their desires will be carried out and, in this part at least, Rabbi Glick's objections will be overcome.

We can ill afford to lose the services of such dedicated and gifted members of the community. Possibly Rabbi Glick might find it possible to change his position when the national officers take the appropriate action to reaffirm our Jewish mission. Certainly, speaking for myself, I would welcome him back to the officers' body.

Bernard J. Finestone
National Vice-president (Quebec)
Canadian Jewish Congress
Montreal

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LANDAU'S LETTER SURPRISES HIM

I was surprised by Herman Landau's Nov. 19 letter headed "Deplores non-kosher meal."

He complained that the breakfast we served to Canadian businessmen to promote Israel Food Week was non-kosher.

I was surprised, because Landau was one of the guests for whom we ordered a special glatt kosher meal.

This breakfast was for Toronto area business people, most of whom were non-Jews, and we saw no point, in view of our very limited budget, in going to a much higher expense, to provide all of them with a strictly kosher breakfast.

We did, as Landau pointed out, check with the guests to determine which of them would like a kosher meal and provided these accordingly.

Udi Sheintal
Israel Trade Commissioner
Toronto

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HONEST ED'S BOOKIE TALE

My thanks to Frank Rasky for his charming profile of me in your recent The Elegant Life magazine headed "Brass hides class" and subheaded, "Ed Mirvish is really a charmer — honest!"

My Yiddish experiences, when growing up in a grocery store on Toronto's Dundas St., and later in my Honest Ed's bargain house on Bloor, could fill volumes.

I would like to mention a Dundas St. incident which still sticks in my mind.

About 60 years ago, across the street where I lived, there were two barber shops. In addition to giving haircuts, they had a sideline of bookmaking (taking bets on horse racing and other sporting events). This was, of course, illegal.

Theatre impresario Ed Mirvish responds to The Elegant Life profile on him by remembering the era when barbers were also bookies on Dundas St.

When I was about 10, and went for my haircut, the Bigshots always pushed me aside, and I never had my turn when I was supposed to get my haircut.

One particular day I will always remember. The barber shop was filled with customers and bettors.

I had just walked through the door for my haircut when one of the barbers grabbed me. He threw a pile of betting slips on the seat of a barber chair, sat me on top of the betting slips, threw a sheet over me and, believe me, I had never had such fast service in my life!

The next thing I noticed were these three big detectives coming through the door, looking for betting slips.

Meanwhile, I'm yelling, "It's not my turn!"

The barber shouts back at me, "Shut up. It is your turn!"

When you are a kid, these events stick in your mind.

My brother, Bob, always said, "Schooling you get in the schoolroom, but education you get in the poolroom."

Being a school dropout, I suppose a lifetime of such varied experiences resulted in "Honest Ed."

Thanks again to Frank Rasky and best wishes for a happy Chanukah to everyone.

Ed Mirvish
Toronto

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WANDERING COLLEGE

Before World War II, there existed a Rabbinical College located in either Mira or Slonim in Poland near the Russian border.

In 1940, this college, along with the professors and students, was moved intact from Poland to Japan.

The war caught up with them there because naturally they could not get a visa as Jewish refugees to Canada or the U.S.

During the exchange of civilian interned persons, they were eventually moved to Durban, where the exchange took place.

As publisher of the Polish Express newspaper in Toronto, I am quite interested in knowing what happened to the more than 400 students and professors.

I would be interested in hearing from any of them still living in Canada.

Aleksander Pruszynski
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TAX TIPS FOR CHARITY

As a chartered accountant and a concerned Jew, I would like to bring to your readers' attention to the following tax implications for their charitable contributions to communal organizations in 1987.

There are distinct advantages in paying maximum charitable gifts prior to Dec. 31, 1987. The proposed tax reform will see the top personal marginal tax rate drop from 56.57% in 1987 to 52.55% in 1988.

Corporate tax rates are also set to fall as a result of these proposed reforms.

Even though the stock market is down, we recommend that your readers consult their accountants to review the advantages to donate appreciated securities before the end of the year.

By paying 1987 pledges in this tax year, at less personal cost, your readers will help Jews in Canada, Israel and around the world. For those in a position to do so, payment of longer-term capital fund commitments or 1988 pledges to Combined Jewish Appeal, or other communal charitable organizations, prior to Dec. 31, will come under the 1987 tax rate.

Marvin Corber
Montreal

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TAKE A BOW, DR. STREAN

I refer to your Oct. 1 article "Family ties are quite evident at AJCS."

Please take note that Dr. George J. Strean, the father of Joan Lazarus and Dr. Maxine Sigman, was the first chairman of the joint campaign for the Combined Jewish Appeal and the United Israel Appeal.

Charles Wolfson
Montreal

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HE LIKES GERRY'S KNACK

I would like to congratulate Gerry Morris for his superb in-depth study of the giants in the entertainment world. Mr. Morris has a knack of bringing these stars to life.

Earl Linzon
Toronto

World-National

Ottawa Citizen editor tells BB League:

Include other groups in fight for Soviet Jewry

By
DAVID LAZARUS

OTTAWA —
The B'nai B'rith League for Human Rights in Canada should "broaden" its Soviet Jewry initiatives to include other minorities denied basic rights in the Soviet Union, Ottawa Citizen editor Keith Spicer urged at the League's 13th annual Media Human Rights Awards ceremony.

Spicer, the commissioner of official languages in Canada under the Liberal government of Pierre Elliot Trudeau, praised the League's efforts against the forces of bigotry, prejudice and intolerance.

But he added that it would be harder for the USSR to dismiss Jewish rights advocates as a "lobby group" if the League also included discriminated groups like Jehovah's Witnesses, Crimean Tartars, and Volga Germans in its human rights campaigns.

"Tactically," he said, this is an approach that would enable the League to become a "vanguard" model, instead of being seen as a bothersome "tribe" by Soviet officials.

Spicer's remarks in a lengthy keynote address at the National Museum of Natural Sciences touched on many issues, including an honest and self-critical appraisal of the media's own treatment of minority groups.

He said the media "has a long way to go before it's at ease with all cultural groups." "We tend to dig in our heels and not talk about it." Despite its good intentions, Spicer said the media is not exempt from religious or ethnic bias, and "can with the greatest goodwill make mistakes."

The B'nai B'rith League, he said, has served to "ask the right questions" on human rights issues. "You have served to give honor to the central issue of defining a civilized society."

The awards "bar-mitzvah" ceremony, held for the first time in Ottawa, was attended by 250 guests, politicians, journalists, minority group representatives, and B'nai B'rith and Jewish community leadership. A dinner for invited guests preceded the awards presentation.

A top award and an honorable mention went to media coverage of anti-semitism. Pockets of Prejudice, a CBC Alberta production about the Jim Keegstra affair and smoldering anti-semitism in Western Canada, won in the television category. CBC Ottawa journalist David Mobray accepted the award on behalf of producer Sat Kumar, who could not attend.

Don Hoyt, a columnist for The Telegraph-Journal in St. John's, NB, earned an honorable mention for his series dealing with Malcolm Ross, a Moncton teacher and distributor of Holocaust revisionist propaganda. Hoyt also sent regrets for not being able to attend.

CBC producer Don Mowat accepted both the top award and the honorable mention in the radio category for his two Vancouver productions. The first, the Way We Fought the War, addressed the mistreatment of Japanese Canadians during World War II. The honorable mention was for Struggle for an Empty Land, a depiction of alleged injustice toward British Columbia's Gitskan native people.

In the print category, journalist Gary Curtis accepted the top award for the Hamilton Spectator's coverage of Central American refugees in Canada in a 6-part series.

The honorable mention in the television category went to Montreal CBC reporter and producer Julian Sher for his report on housing discrimination against visible minorities presented on the 6 o'clock Newswatch broadcast.

The League received a record number of submissions this year, according to B'nai B'rith leadership, reflecting a rise in consciousness in the media about human rights issues, as well as the prestige with which the awards are regarded.

League national chairman Harry Bick promised that education would continue to be the primary weapon against prejudice, "to fight the virus of racism . . . at its roots, before it grows."

The media's role is "critical" in this regard, he said, to "impart information" to the uninformed. "It can and must break down the barriers."

B'nai B'rith Canada president Ralph Snow said the League awards, traditionally held at the beginning of December to coincide roughly with international Human Rights Day, took on added meaning this year as many religious groups begin celebrations using light as a symbol of hope and enlightenment. The media's tradition as "a beacon of light" underscored that symbolism, he said.

Jewish Community Council president Stephen Victor and awards chairman Eli Rabi noted the significance in selecting for the first time the nation's capital as the site of the bar-mitzvah ceremonies. It underlines the importance of the federal government in promoting human rights issues as "part of the national agenda," Victor said.

The League media awards were inaugurated in 1975 to recognize their contribution in heightening awareness and depicting human rights issues and abuses. Winners were chosen by a selection committee composed of members of the League's national board and by representatives of human rights agencies and journalism schools.

Parliamentary representatives at the presentation included Ontario Liberal MPP Gilles Morin, presenting greetings on behalf of Premier David Peterson. Felicitations from Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, Liberal leader John Turner and New Democratic Party Leader Ed Broadbent were delivered respectively by Members of Parliament David Daubney, chairman of the Canada-Israel Friendship Group, David Berger and Audrey Mclaughlin.

The guest list also included Max Yalden, newly appointed chairman of the Canadian Human Rights Commission; Joel Elroy, the mayor of Netanya, Israel; Judge Maxwell Cohen, former dean of McGill University Law School; Tony Nabata, president of the Ottawa Japanese Community Association Incorporated.

Mark Berlin, senior policy advisor in the justice department; Prof. S. Vince Wilson, representing the Harammbi Federation, an association for Blacks in Canada; and Earl Crowe, director of the National Museum of Natural Sciences.

Displaying their plaques at the B'nai B'rith League for Human Rights media awards ceremony are The Hamilton Spectator's Gary Curtis (left) and CBC Radio producer Don Mowat (fourth from left). The others in the photo (from left) are keynote speaker Keith Spicer, B'nai B'rith Canada president Ralph Snow, and national BB League for Human Rights chairman Harry Bick. [Howard Kay photo]

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UNISYS

Attorney-General cites law's inadequacy

New Brunswick won't prosecute Malcolm Ross

By
PAUL LUNGEN

FREDERICTON — New Brunswick is closing the file on alleged hatemonger Malcolm Ross.

Provincial Attorney-General James Lockyer said a review of the Ross case indicated there is "no reasonable chance for success" in a prosecution against the Moncton-area school teacher for promoting hatred against Jews.

Ross is author of several books and a letter to the Miramichi Leader newspaper which claim the Holocaust is a hoax and that Jews are part of an international conspiracy to dominate the world and undermine Western civilization. Ross often referred to the New Testament as a basis for his anti-Jewish views.

In a letter to Julius Israeli, a Jewish resident of Newcastle, NB, who has been pressing for legal action against Ross, Lockyer said a statutory defence available to Ross makes conviction "highly unlikely.

"It is my view that the act complained of as disclosed by the facts outlined in the investigation is not a prosecutable offence under the Criminal Code provisions as they are presently enacted," Lockyer wrote.

"Accordingly there will be no prosecution emanating from the facts complained of in your letter of Nov. 3, 1987."

Following the recent election of the Liberal Party in New Brunswick, Lockyer responded to a request from Israeli that he reconsider the decision of previous Conservative Attorney-General David Clark not to prosecute Ross.

Under section 281.2 of the Criminal Code — the hate law provision — provincial attorneys-general are given discretion in laying charges.

Lockyer indicated a defence under s.281.2 of the Code absolves an accused if he made an argument "in good faith on a religious subject."

The attorney-general said police investigations indicated Ross believed his anti-Jewish statements.

It would be very difficult to prove when statements, purportedly on a religious topic, became so extenuated that they can no longer be considered a religious viewpoint, he added.

Lockyer told The CJN "I find the comments of Ross deplorable, despicable, repugnant and malicious and I totally reject them." However, he added, the law as it stands makes it practically impossible in the Ross case to obtain a conviction.

The attorney-general said his department "agonized" over the question of whether Ross' statements dealt with a religious subject. He acknowledged that while comments on the Holocaust and a supposed Jewish conspiracy were not of a religious nature, a jury of average New Brunswick residents would find it difficult to distinguish between Ross' beliefs on a battle between Christianity and Judaism and his other views.

He felt that under those circumstances, a jury would likely acquit Ross — a result that Ross might use to claim his views were vindicated.

However, Israeli vehemently disagrees. The statements made by Ross are in no way comments about religion, Israeli maintained.

"I can't accept that the denial of the Holocaust and (claiming) a Jewish conspiracy are statements made in good faith on a religious subject," he said. "It is impossible to accept that.

"The decision not to prosecute gives racist fascists a permit to continue their hate propaganda," Israeli warned. If Alberta school teacher Jim Keegstra had lived in New Brunswick, he would not have been prosecuted, he speculated.

Keegstra was a social studies teacher in the small community of Eckville until his licence was lifted for not adhering to curriculum guidelines. Keegstra taught for years that there was a Jewish conspiracy to control the world, that Jews were behind Communism, international banking and secret societies and that the Holocaust was a hoax.

He was convicted in July 1985 of promoting hatred against Jews and fined $5,000. A court decision in his appeal is pending.

Israeli said the fact Keegstra was convicted for promoting views similar to Ross' shows Lockyer is wrong in his assessment of the case.

B'nai B'rith spokesman Bernie Vigod said the legal reasons given by the attorney-general are unsound. Vigod, chairman of the Atlantic Region cabinet of the League for Human Rights of BB Canada, said "the case shows there's a hole in the system."

Though he did not question the motivation of justice department officials (as did Israeli), he said the decision deprives those who feel victims of a crime from their day in court.

"Where can you contest the legal opinion of the attorney-general's department?" he asked.

He called the power given by the Criminal Code to attorneys-general a "systemic problem" in the case. Lockyer's decision "doesn't solve the problem of an aggrieved party" who doesn't have a chance to face his victimizer, he added.

Lockyer said he would have prosecuted had the law not contained the statutory defence which allows the promotion of hate if the accused in good faith made comments on a religious subject. If we really want to stamp out the promotion of hatred, Lockyer said, we should not allow that sort of defence, since it is impossible to prove a suspect did not believe what he was saying.

He has made his concerns about the effectiveness of the section known to federal Justice Minister Ray Hnatyshyn and called on the government to remove the defence.

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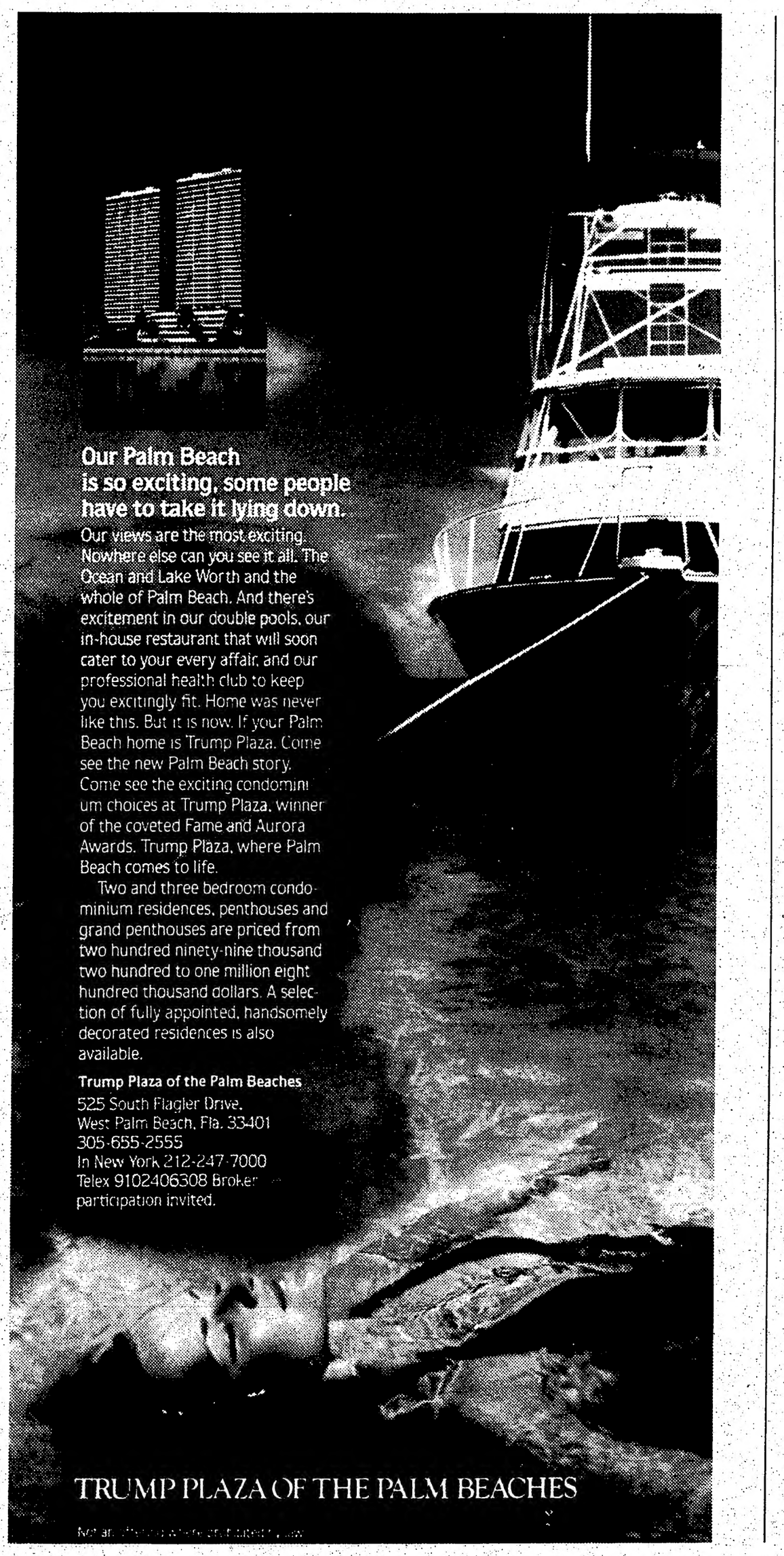
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World-National

UN opposes move to close PLO mission

NEW YORK (JTA) — United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar sent a letter last week to the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, saying that the world body opposes a congressional move to close the Palestine Liberation Organization's observer mission in New York.

The letter, sent to Vernon A. Walters, conveyed the UN's "legal position" that the PLO's observer mission cannot be closed under existing international agreements, a UN spokesman said.

A resolution to close the PLO's offices in Washington and New York was adopted 11-8 by a House-Senate conference committee. The measure, which previously had passed the full Senate, is part of an amendment to the state department authorization bill for the next fiscal year.

Both houses have to vote again on the amendment before it becomes law.

The state department has already ordered the PLO to close its information office in Washington, but it opposes closing the observer mission to the United Nations in New York. A federal district court has upheld the order closing the Washington office, but it has remained open, pending appeal to a higher court.

The PLO was invited to set up an observer mission to the United Nations in 1974 with the adoption of UN General Assembly Resolution 3273. "As such they are covered by sections 11, 12, and 13 of the headquarters agreement of June 26, 1947," according to the UN spokesman.

These sections say that the United Nations may not impose "any impediments to transit to or from the headquarters" of "persons invited" by the United Nations and requires the United States to grant visas to all such people.

The Arab nations are considering asking the World Court in The Hague to rule on the legality of closing the PLO observer mission in New York, the New York Times reported.

Israeli diplomats praised the congressional move to shut down the PLO office here. Benjamin Netanyahu, Israel's ambassador to the United Nations, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency: "We welcome the congressional decision, which should be taken as an example by all countries that terrorists cannot dwell in the midst of civilized society. It is high time that the UN expel the PLO from its ranks altogether."

"Splitting the nation in two": Shamir

Yeshiva exemption under fire

By HUGH ORGEL

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Public attention has been focused on the sizable number of yeshiva students exempted from military service. Premier Yitzhak Shamir and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres agree it is unfair and does not serve the national interest.

Shamir said recently that "the wholesale exemption of yeshiva students from service is splitting the nation in two." Peres proposed that exemptions should be reduced to the number necessary to maintain the religious schools, not make them a haven for draft dodgers.

He told the Knesset's foreign affairs and security committee that "the criteria for exemptions have apparently changed since 1977, and we ought to examine the reasons why."

Israeli law requires that all able-bodied citizens serve in the armed forces when they reach the age of 18. Men are required to serve for three years and women for two years. But yeshiva students are excused as long as they pursue their religious studies. A Knesset subcommittee study of Israel Defence Force documents showed that exemptions for yeshiva students increased after Likud came to power in the 1977 Knesset election. Ezer Weizman, then a Likud defence minister, raised the number of exemptions because the first Likud government depended upon the ultra-Orthodox Agudat Israel party for its Knesset majority.

Peres recalled that in 1948, when he was director-general of the defence ministry, David Ben-Gurion, who was Premier and defence minister, put him in charge of military exemptions. The number of requests then was for 150 to 200 yeshiva students out of a total Jewish population of 650,000.

"If today, the number of students exempted is 17,000, it's a very serious matter," Peres said.

Rabbi Menachem Ha-Cohen of Labor, who chairs the Knesset subcommittee investigating the issue, said the IDF's figures "prove that 20,000 yeshiva students of military age are today exempt from regular and reserve service."

Another subcommittee member, Yossi Sarid of the left-wing Citizens' Rights Movement, said that the exemptions law has enabled "60,000 healthy yeshiva students to become battlefield deserters" since the state was founded.

Recently the rabbinical court in Jerusalem refused to appoint Ezra Basri, a candidate for dayan — religious court judge — because he had feigned mental illness to evade military duty in 1957. It was also disclosed that many of the recently appointed military chaplains never did their compulsory military service.

Missing UN files being probed

NEW YORK (JTA) — United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar ordered a full investigation last week into reports that more than 400 files are missing from the UN war crimes archives.

Perez de Cuellar acted after the New York Post published a report by Uri Dan, its Mideast correspondent, that the previously sealed war crimes files have "mysteriously vanished." Dan was the first journalist allowed access to the files since the secretary-general ordered them opened to the public Nov. 23.

The director of the archives, Alf Erlandsson, confirmed that 432 files have "somehow disappeared." The secretary-general said he has appointed Richard Foran, UN assistant secretary-general for general services, to conduct the investigation.

According to a statement released by a UN spokesman, the secretary-general "was surprised and disturbed to learn, through press reports and for the first time, that a number of files of the United Nations War Crimes Commission archives are missing."

Senate may hold bill up

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — **The government's refugee bill will likely not pass the Senate as is, Senator Jerry Grafstein said last week.**

Speaking to a meeting of the Aaron Hart lodge of B'nai B'rith Canada, Grafstein said he expects the Senate will act on principle and propose amendments to the bill before sending it back to the House of Commons.

The bill has come under fire from senators and refugee assistance groups for making it too onerous for refugees to come to Canada.

Top Israeli leaders spend week abroad

JERUSALEM — Israeli leaders have been on the move all over the world during the past week.

President Chaim Herzog spent a 6-day "working visit" in Britain where he was a guest of the Jewish community and was received by Queen Elizabeth II and Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. The visit marked the 70th anniversary of the Balfour Declaration. The President was accompanied by his wife Aura and by two staffers from the President's residence.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres is in South America this week, visiting Uruguay and Brazil. His talks with the presidents of those countries will focus on efforts to increase trade and generally strengthen commercial ties.

Peres' trip to South America followed a 3-day visit to New York where he received an honorary doctorate from Yeshiva University at a dinner addressed by Jihan Sadat.

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin is in Washington to upgrade the 4-year-old strategic cooperation agreement with the United States. According to Israel embassy sources, the new agreement, to be signed with Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci, will parallel agreements with NATO allies. One feature will give Israel its long-sought right to bid for U.S. army procurement contracts.

The Jewish Quiz

QUESTIONS:

(1) What holiday is celebrated during the first days of the month of Tevet?

(2) In what month is the Fast of the Tenth Month (Zech. 8:19)?

(3) What does the Fast of the Tenth of Tevet commemorate?

Edmond Y. Lipsitz

ANSWERS:

(1) The last two or three days of Chanukah.

(2) The Fast of the 10th of Tevet.

(3) The day when the Babylonians began their siege of Jerusalem in 586 BCE.

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Growing problem in Jewish organizations: expert

Tension increasing between staff, lay leaders

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

There is a "growing, unhappy tension" between professional Jewish community workers and lay leaders of Jewish organizations because of an unwillingness on the part of the community apparatus to face new realities, says the director of Brandeis University's Center for Modern Jewish Studies.

Prof. Gary Tobin, a recognized authority on problems facing Jewish community workers, told a recent meeting of the Toronto Association of Professionals in Jewish Communal Service (TAPJCS) that lay leaders in Jewish communities across North America "have locked themselves between 1955 and 1968" and are blind to new social forces.

For one thing, Tobin said, there is a dissatisfaction among lay leaders that paid staff at Jewish organizations "are not professional enough; that they're all social workers." While the leadership's old guard clings to old, outmoded ways, the young upcoming leaders want to conduct things in a more business-like way.

"The younger leaders are calling for business and management experience" in communal workers. "Older leaders say the Jewish community is not a business," Tobin said.

Other areas creating friction in Jewish communities are an expectation from lay leaders that paid staff work well beyond their standard hours and that they perform tasks outside their skills. Jewish organizations, Tobin maintained, have a tendency not to hire outside experts, even when they're needed most.

But the "most serious problem" facing Jewish organizations today is that they are "woefully, grossly understaffed," a result of the community leadership's "inherent conservatism."

Jewish leaders, Tobin stated, have still not come to terms with a vastly different social structure than they envision. For one, three out of four families are not the ideal, nuclear setup of a mother, father and their children.

Rather, the Jewish community today is faced with single-parent families, a rampant divorce rate, remarriages, people who are not marrying, a large amount of singles who want to marry but cannot find partners, and couples who choose not to have children, Tobin said.

Assimilation is also worse than the community structure believes, he added. In U.S. Sunbelt cities, he claimed, four out of five marriages involving third and fourth generation Jews are between a Jew and non-Jew.

Compounding the problem is that, for millions of young people, the birth of the State of Israel is a far-removed historical event, leading to non-involvement in the community among many.

"We are essentially moving people around without innovating or addressing the reality of a changing Jewish community," Tobin said. "The Jewish community is in fairly deep trouble."

Jerusalem Foundation appoints Mendelsohn

MONTREAL —

Paula Mendelsohn has been appointed to the staff of the Jerusalem Foundation of Canada, its president Marvin Corber announced.

Her principal duties are fund raising and special projects on a national level.

Since the reunification of Jerusalem 20 years ago, the foundation has raised money all over the world for the city's restoration and improvement of the quality of life of its citizens. Over 900 projects have been completed, ranging from the 620-acre National Park surrounding the Old City's walls to the provision of books in school libraries.

Corber said future projects will attempt to foster coexistence among Jerusalem's various communities, to encourage creativity in the performing and plastic arts and to assist public health programs, services to the aged and formal and informal education.

Paula Mendelsohn

By choice, the Jerusalem Foundation has kept a low profile since it began operating in Canada eight years ago, Corber said. The Montreal-based Foundation now intends to increase its visibility, he said.

For over 30 years, Mendelsohn has been involved in community and Israel-related affairs in both a professional and lay capacity. She recently became honorary vice-president of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO, having served as national vice-president for four years.

As Canadian chairman for the world assembly in Israel to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the defeat of Nazi Germany, Mendelsohn led the second largest delegation from abroad to the event.

Most recently, she was special projects director at the Canadian Zionist Federation, coordinating the Ben Gurion Centennial Council of Canada.

In addition to president Corber, the Jerusalem Foundation of Canada officers include honorary president Charles Bronfman, vice-presidents Neri Bloomfield and Rose Wolfe, and secretary-treasurer Yoine Goldstein.

Israeli tourism setting records

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

Tourists continued to come to Israel in record numbers last month, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported, saying 116,300 travelers entered the country from abroad in November.

The figures, a 37.6% gain from year-ago levels, brought the number of tourists entering Israel for the first 11 months of 1987 to just under 1.3 million. That was 26% higher than in the first 11 months of 1986 and 8% higher than in the same time in 1985, the previous record year.

The number of arrivals last month — boosted by a sharp 64% rise in the number of tourists to Eilat, to 17,000 — was 23% higher than the monthly average for August-October.

The number of visitors coming from Egypt — not counting those who left Israel to visit Sinai and later returned to Israel — was ahead 20.6% from last year's levels in the January-December period, reaching 96,800.

Canadian move at UN disturbs CIC

OTTAWA —

The Canada-Israel Committee and other major Jewish organizations have expressed concern over a change in vote by Canada at the United Nations they say moves Canada closer to the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Canada's longstanding vote against a resolution on a UN Division for Palestinian Rights changed to an abstention at the most recent tally. The division was established, along with several other specialized UN units, to promote the PLO while delegitimizing Israel. CIC chairman Sidney Spivak said the vote, seen in the context of other policy developments affecting the Palestinians, "could be construed as part of a step-by-step erosion of traditional Canadian policy on the Middle East in general and towards Israel in particular."

The official explanation for Canada's vote noted that while Canada does not recognize the PLO as the sole legitimate representatives of the Palestinians, the government sees it "as an important element in Palestinian opinion" and as such, "value(s) effective communication with (it)."

Tel Aviv city council split over women voting for rabbi

TEL AVIV (JPFS) —

City councillors here began preparing for a tough political fight, after the High Court of Justice approved a measure which could allow women to help choose this city's Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi.

The agreement gives the city council until Dec. 27 to choose its 10 representatives for the 31-member body which will elect the rabbi.

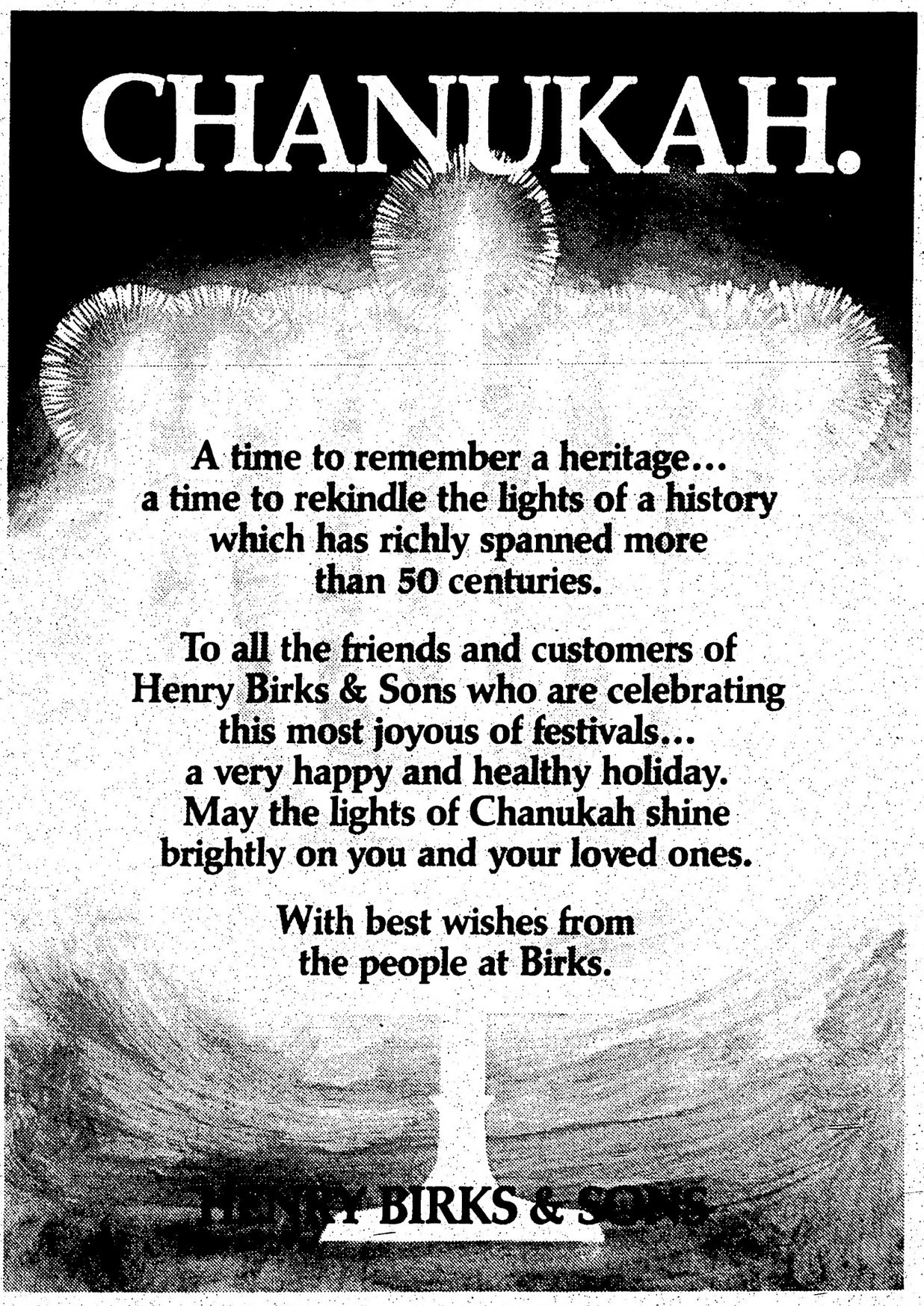
The council has struggled for months to reach an agreement, and if it does not succeed, the electoral body appointed last July by Religious Affairs Minister Zevulun Hammer will stand.

Tel Aviv has been without an Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi for more than a year. The proposed participation of women in the electoral body has caused a split between the Likud and the Alignment blocs, with the Labor faction having nominated two women, Haviva Avi-Guy and Lilly Menahem, to serve as electors.

Mayor Shlomo Lahat (Likud) has said that he supports women serving despite the rabbinate's refusal to endorse a candidate selected by women.

Avi-Guy said that the High Court decision was important because it recognized the right to choose the Chief Rabbi in a democratic process.

Meanwhile, the three councillors from the religious bloc are trying to persuade other members to vote against the participation of women.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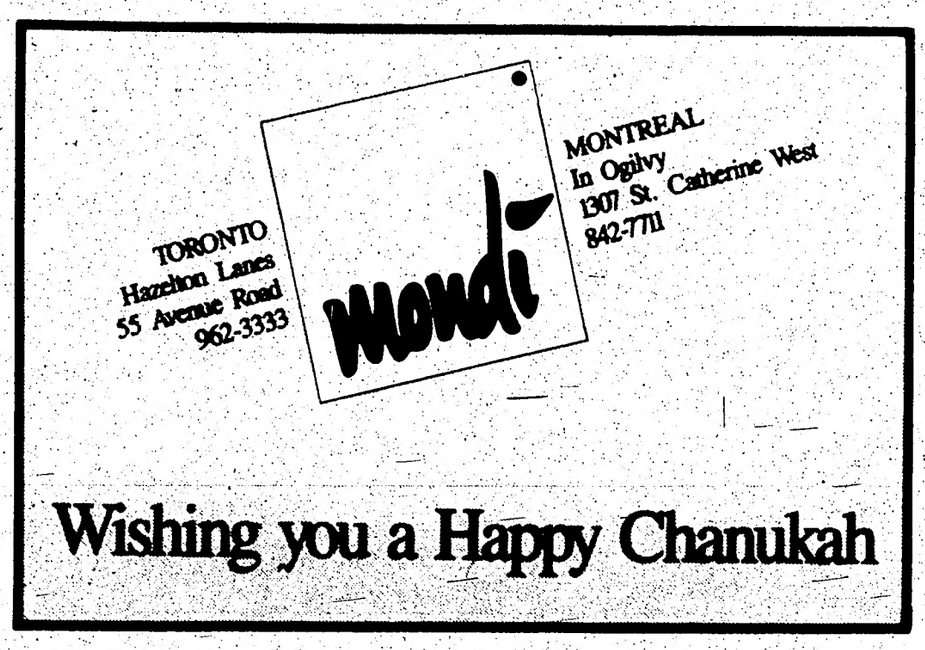

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Religious factions exchange views

Secret talks focus on Halacha and Israeli law

By HAIM SHAPIRO

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — The meeting took place under conditions of secrecy, and the organizer himself was surprised he had been able to bring the various factions together, and spoke of the "bravery" of some of the participants in their willingness to attend.

The talks, which took place in Jerusalem recently, were not between the Israel government and the PLO, but rabbis and scholars representing the Orthodox, Conservative, Reform and Reconstructionist movements.

Organized by Dr. Ari Karmon of Tel Aviv University's Israel Diaspora Institute, they included such distinguished Orthodox participants as Tel Aviv Sephardi Chief Rabbi David Haim Halevy and two other prominent local Sephardi Chief Rabbis, the president of New York's Yeshiva University, Rabbi Norman Lamm, and British Chief Rabbi Sir Immanuel Jakobovits.

The secrecy was a result of the fact that many Orthodox rabbis, intent on stressing the illegitimacy of Conservative and Reform Judaism, have tried to pressure their colleagues not to attend such meetings.

Indeed, only last week, a series of ongoing discussions on practical matters between ultra-Orthodox, secular and Reform representatives in Jerusalem had broken down because the ultra-Orthodox rabbis had issued a halachic ruling banning their followers from talking with the Reform.

In a parallel development, some forces within Israel's religious establishment were pressing the Chief Rabbis to issue a similar ban on meetings with non-Orthodox. But, Karmon said, even before initiating the meeting, he had consulted with Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Avraham Shapiro and had received an encouraging response.

Shapiro said that he himself is happy to meet with Reform and Conservative Jews, and that although he would not meet with non-Orthodox rabbis as such, he would talk with them as "leaders of communities."

Karon said that the talks had dealt with the halachic framework within which an Israeli basic law could be framed. In the past, many Orthodox thinkers have objected to such a constitution or bill of rights because they feel it would undermine the Torah.

The meeting had been preceded by working papers drawn up by two judges and two professors, he noted, and the participants themselves had prepared their own briefs. There had been a variety of views, he added, but all had recognized that halacha is flexible. The talks had been serious and in depth.

The fact that the local Orthodox participants were all Sephardi rabbis, he said, "proved the tolerance of the Sephardi tradition." Unfortunately, he added, the Sephardi religious establishment in Israel was becoming increasingly influenced by the Ashkenazi tradition. Many invited to the conference, whom he characterized as representing the "religious right," had refused to come.

Security said unaffected

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Shamir said in his summing-up at the cabinet meeting that the terrorist organizations had failed to harm Israel's security in their attacks, and hence they resorted to inciting rioters and demonstrators.

Meanwhile, rioting continued in the Gaza Strip, despite an IDF show of force said to have been among the most massive in recent years. Fewer clashes were reported in the West Bank.

Disturbances in the southern Gaza began before dawn, as youths erected barricades at scores of intersections between Khan Yunis and neighboring Rafiah.

Large numbers of troops were rushed to the area, firing tear gas grenades and bursts of rifle fire into the air to disperse crowds.

Unlike previous confrontations, however, adults and even elderly residents of the Khan Yunis and Rafiah refugee camps joined in the unrest.

Three soldiers, an Israeli civilian and at least 12 Palestinians, were among the injured in Gaza.

After two soldiers and a border policeman were taken to Ashkelon's Brazilai Hospital for treatment of injuries suffered as a result of cement blocks and stones hurled by rioters, troops fired on advancing demonstrators, wounding two elderly women and eight youths, three of the latter critically.

In some areas, stone-throwing crowds attacked vehicles having gray Gaza licence plates, as well as cars bearing Israeli plates.

The civilian who was injured was a member of an Israeli film crew.

Security sources maintained that the attacks on local cars were a PLO-inspired effort to enforce a widespread commercial strike.

Incidents were also reported in the West Bank, but on a reduced scale. A curfew was reimposed on the Balata refugee camp several hours after it was lifted in the morning, after youths began hurling stones at troops in the camp.

In Hebron, an Egged bus travelling from Beersheba to Jerusalem was stoned by students from the Islamic University, and three soldiers on the vehicle were cut by glass. The soldiers jumped off the bus and pursued the assailants, and shot and wounded a student.

Israeli inflation may drop to 10%

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — The rate of inflation next year will fall below 10%, down from this year's rate of 15-17%, Bank of Israel governor Michael Bruno said recently.

Speaking at a seminar at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem on the world financial crisis, Bruno said the budget for next year was quite good considering that it is an election year.

Larger budget cuts are needed if the government is to proceed with its plan to withdraw from the financial markets, he said. However, the likelihood that it will post a wider deficit next year makes such a withdrawal unlikely.

Meanwhile interest rates on deposits plummeted, and borrowing rates are expected to head down very soon, after the Bank of Israel bowed to pressure and provided an immediate extra NIS 180 million in liquidity to the banking system at a cost of only 20% per annum.

The central bank's announcement ended a 10-day war with the commercial banks over its new liquidity regulations (CJN Dec. 10).

The Bank of Israel had said it would place a 50% penalty on banks exceeding their liquidity margins, but the latest move raised this margin from 12 to 18% of their so-called "liquidity requirements."

This move effectively represented an admission of defeat by the central bank.

The central bank's announcement had an immediate effect on the banking system. United Mizrahi Bank announced it was calling off the rise in borrowing rates due to come into effect. All the other commercial banks were expected to follow suit.

Interest on shekel deposits fell sharply on the news.

Racist wins right to appeal to Supreme Court of Canada

OTTAWA — White supremacist John Ross Taylor has won the right to appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada a conviction for spreading hate messages by telephone.

The high court recently gave leave to appeal on the question of whether freedom of speech extends to protect hate messages.

Taylor contends that the provisions in the Canadian Human Rights Act prohibiting discrimination are unconstitutional because they are an unreasonable limit on freedom of expression. The Federal Court of Appeal has ruled that such limits are justifiable.

Taylor, leader of the racist Western Guard Party, was found guilty of contempt of court after he continued making anti-semitic telephone messages following a court decision ordering him to stop. He was sentenced to one year in jail.

The earliest the high court could hear the case would be next fall, according to Supreme Court spokesman.

Kennedy killer's father dead at 78

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Bishara Sirhan, the father of the man who killed Senator Robert Kennedy, died of a heart attack recently in the West Bank village of Taibeh, a lonely old man who was known as the village magician.

None of Sirhan's five sons, living in Jordan and the U.S., came to the funeral.

"We waited to bury him for three days. We were waiting for his children. But no one came, so members of the clan buried him," said the Roman Catholic priest, Father Sansour, who was a friend of the deceased.

The U.S. consulate said there had been no request from Sirhan Sirhan to attend the funeral. Sirhan, 43, is serving a life sentence for assassinating Kennedy on June 5, 1968, and his eighth parole request was turned down in 1986.

Bishara Sirhan, who died at the age of 78, was born into a Greek Orthodox family in Taibeh, but he considered himself a Jehovah's Witness in later life, said Father Sansour.

He married a local woman and spent many years in the U.S. before returning seven years ago to his home village, near Ramallah. His wife, Mary, remained in the United States.

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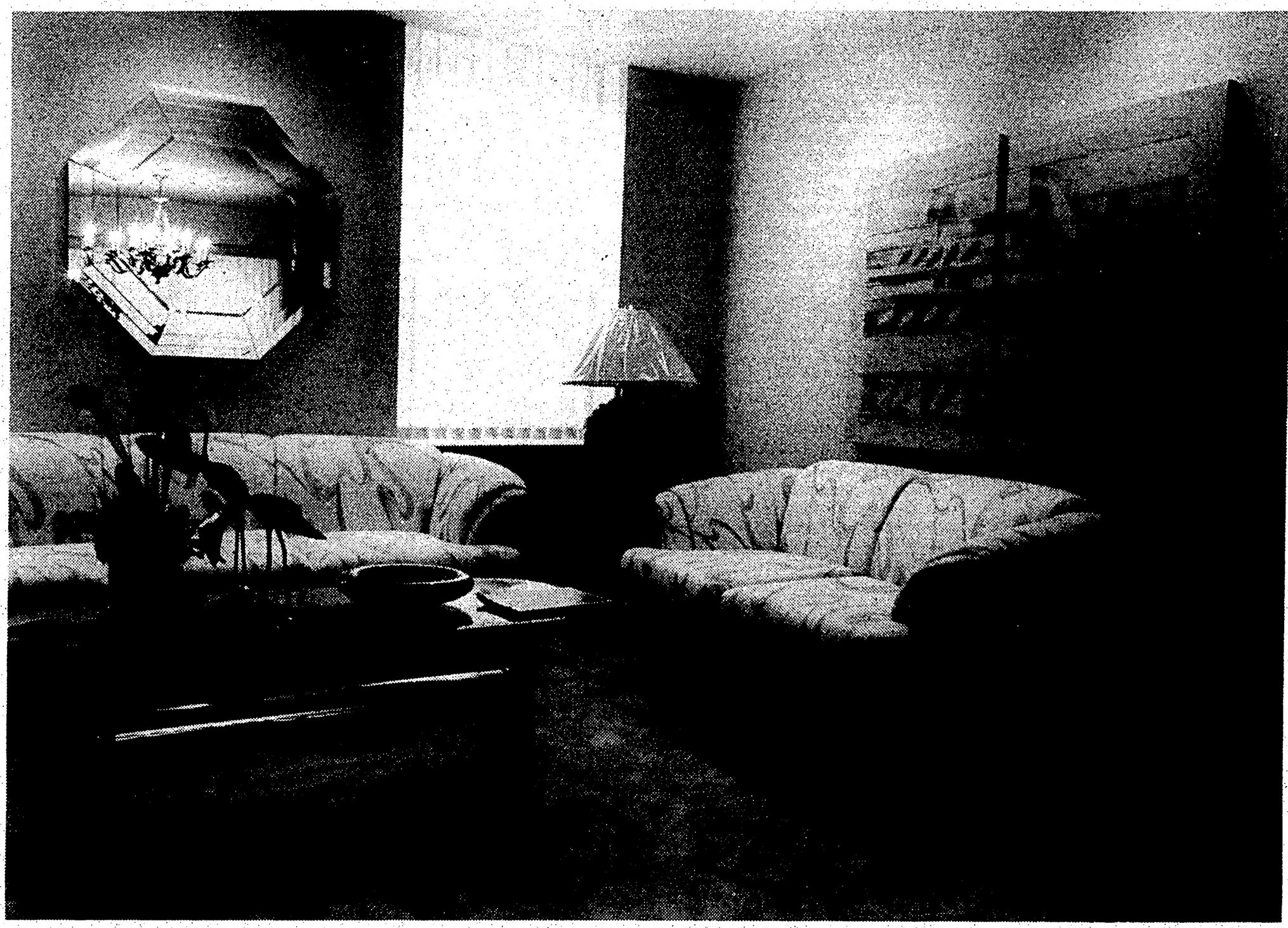

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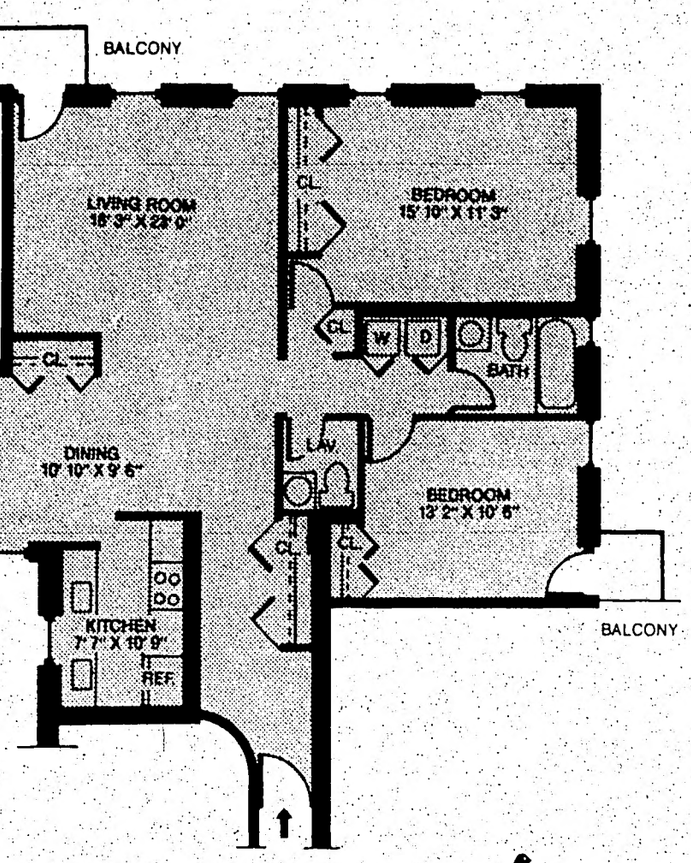

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Living Halacha

By
RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

QUESTION: Do we give sufficient honor to the memory of our Maccabees?

The Jewish world has found some very interesting ways to honor the Maccabees. There are soccer teams that carry that name with honor and distinction. That puts our heroes in the same class as the lions and tigers of football fame. Who could protest against such an honor?

Rabbi Burak

Sports activities that use their name might not be appreciated, however, by Mattathias and his sons. The forces against which they fought were keen on sports, while doing everything in their power to destroy the religion of our fathers. A little review of the pogrom enforced by Antiochus is certainly in order. His moves did not include fair play.

Antiochus set out to destroy the Jewish religion. "It was unlawful for anyone to keep the Sabbath and festivals ordained in the Torah, or to profess himself at all to be a Jew." (Margolis and Marx, in their History). The problem posed by this terror brought the Maccabees to the fore.

What did the enemy do? "Torah scrolls were cut in pieces and burned; their owners were put to death. Women who had their children circumcised were led publicly round about the city and then cast headlong from the walls." The way to deal with such enemies surely had nothing to do with challenging them to a soccer match.

Mattathias and his sons went out to fight the enemy, and as the sacred liturgy tells us Hashem helped the small band of Cohannim: "Thou deliveredst the strong into the hands of the weak, the many into the hands of the few, the impure into the hands of the pure, the wicked into the hands of the righteous, and the arrogant into the hands of them that occupied themselves with Thy Torah."

The Maccabees and those who joined with them in this gallant enterprise had but one concern: the preservation of Judaism. The Sabbath is the heart of Judaism. If the Sabbath is destroyed, the heart of Judaism is being ripped out. Yet this is being done by some of the people who talk of preserving the Sabbath.

Walk to shul on Shabbat

There are houses of worship where, at the late Friday evening services, candles are lit at 8 o'clock at night, to usher in the Sabbath which arrived before 5 p.m. How is that for preserving the Sabbath?

We live in an age when all must exercise if they want to be in shape. There are men and women who walk for miles as they play golf. There are joggers who go out in all kinds of weather to fulfil the mitzvah of jogging. There are walkers who walk miles as part of their fitness program. But to shul they must ride on Shabbat, even if shul is only a few blocks away.

May I suggest that all Jewish houses of prayer make a move to honor the Maccabees on Shabbat Chanukah by not driving that day to worship? The Orthodox synagogues close their parking lots, but some people do drive to them and park discreetly a few blocks away. Stop it.

The other houses of prayer which offer mixed pews and mixed choirs, and those who have organ accompaniment, should close the drive-in parking facility. On this special Sabbath, let all walk to shul, and fill their lungs with fresh air, in honor of the Maccabees.

The Hellenists of old did not fight the Graeco-Syrian forces that destroyed the Temple and the Law. "They were too worldly-minded for martyrdom." Today, we need not fight anyone, except our own apathy. And people who are worldly enough to know the value of aerobics, jogging, swimming on a daily basis, should walk on Shabbat Chanukah.

In Second Chronicles, Chapter 32:33 we are told that when Hezekiah died ". . . they did him honor at his death." In Tractate Baba Kamma, 16B, the sages say: "This signifies that they set up a yeshiva near his sepulchre." Another opinion is "that they placed the Scroll of the Law on his coffin . . ." That's the way to honor the heroes of our faith.

Peres urges dismantling settlements

Israel facing dilemma in Gaza

By
GIL SEDAN

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel may soon have to come to grips with the problem of the Gaza Strip — whether the continued occupation of that territory of less than 200 square miles with an Arab population of 600,000 is essential to Israel's security and worth the cost of maintaining law and order there. The issue moved to the fore recently following another fatal stabbing of an Israeli citizen, Shlomo Takal, 45, who was knifed in the back of his neck in the main square of Gaza.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres told the Knesset's foreign affairs and security committee that the Gaza Strip should be demilitarized under Israeli supervision and the Jewish settlements in the territory dismantled. About 2,000 Jewish settlers live in the Gaza Strip and are as militant as their 50,000 compatriots who live in the West Bank.

Premier Yitzhak Shamir blasted Peres' proposal, assuring his Likud Knesset faction "it will never be."

While the future status of the West Bank is at the core of the split between right and left in Israel, many Israelis of both camps feel that Israel's interests in the Gaza Strip, though vital, are of short-term value.

Eliahu Ben-Elissar, a prominent member of Likud's Herut wing, who was Israel's first ambassador to Egypt, admitted recently that the densely populated Gaza Strip, where over half the Arab population lives in refugee camps, is more of a nuisance than an asset.

The territory was seized from Egypt during the Six Day War in 1967 and has been a trouble spot ever since.

Peres used demographic arguments to support his views. "Very soon there will be one million Arabs in the Strip. Where will you settle them? In the Negev?" he asked the Knesset committee members.

He aimed his question specifically at Rafael Eitan, a former Israel Defence Force chief of staff, who comprises the 1-man Tzomet faction in the Knesset, which broke away from the ultranationalist Tehiya Party last month.

Peres' remarks triggered a new confrontation with right-wingers. Tehiya leader Yuval Neeman, at a news conference, denounced Peres' suggestion that Jewish settlements be dismantled. He maintained that the suggestion itself would lead to more violence in the territories, which he said are filled with terrorists who feel they can get away with anything.

The Likud faction on the foreign affairs and security committee said it would summon Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin to reply to complaints that the IDF was no longer effectively combating terrorism and subversion in the administered territories.

Stabbing latest in series of attacks on Israelis

Takal's murder was the latest in a series of assaults on Israelis in Gaza in the past year. Yisrael Kitaro, a 43-year-old taxi driver from Ashkelon, was fatally stabbed there on Oct. 7, 1986. Ten days earlier, on Sept. 27, Haim Azran, 35, also from Ashkelon, died of knife wounds inflicted while he was shopping in the Gaza marketplace.

Ron Polinsky

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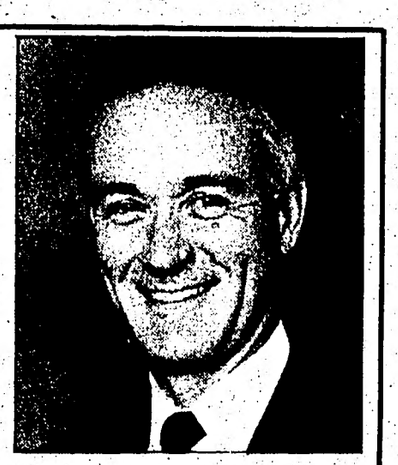
Sid Halpern



Richard Kroft

The 36th annual Negev Dinner sponsord by the Jewish National Fund in Winnipeg, will be held Tuesday, June 14, 1988, and will honour Mr. Justice Guy J. Kroft. The Dinner Committee (l. to r.) Ron Polisnky and Babs Asper, Co-Chairmen of Hosts; Sid Halpern, President, Winnipeg Jewish National Fund; and Richard Kroft, Dinner Chairman. The Negev Dinner will celebrate the 40th anniversary of the establishment of the State of Israel.

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Dinitz promises agency revamp

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parallel post of Jewish Agency Executive chairman. He received the unanimous endorsement of the powerful overseas Jewish philanthropists on the Jewish Agency Board of Governors.

His promise to improve the workings of the WZO-Jewish Agency bureaucracy seemed to be in direct response to President Chaim Herzog of Israel, who called for a radical "soul searching" on the part of the WZO in his speech at the festive opening of the congress at the Binyanei Haooma convention hall here. Herzog spoke critically of "duplication, narrow interests, and inefficiency" in the WZO.

The outgoing WZO-Jewish Agency chairman, Leon (Arye) Dulzin of Likud's Liberal party wing, also appeared to tailor his valedictory address to the theme sounded by Herzog.

Dulzin urged that the Israeli government take over operative responsibility for immigrant absorption in its entirety, instead of the present blurred responsibilities between the Jewish Agency and the Absorption Ministry. He said the WZO-Jewish Agency should confine itself to encouraging and facilitating aliya.

Dinitz's relatively easy win over the Likud candidate was expected. He was supported by a powerful coalition that the Labor Party put together with the Confederation of General Zionists, in which Hadassah is dominant; the Conservative Zionist movement, Mercaz; and the Reform Zionist movement, ARZA.

The Conservative and Reform Zionists had indicated they could not support Patt because, among other things, he voted in the Knesset in favor of the Orthdox-inspired amendment to the Law of Return, which would invalidate conversions performed by non-Orthodox rabbis.

Dulzin also called on Premier Yitzhak Shamir and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, leader of Likud and the Labor Party respectively, to agree between themselves before next year's Knesset elections that the Law of Return will not be changed. "We in Israel ought not to take an internal political action whose ramifications affect the entire Jewish community."

Chairmanship allocations postponed to February

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was held by Herut in the previous executive, and to have Herut make do with Youth Aliyah.

Mizrachi will keep its two departments, Torah education and Dor Hemshech (Young Leadership), while education may go to a representative of the Reform movement. The Conservatives and Hadassah are also seeking operational departments.

The final allocation has been postponed until the Jewish Agency board of governors meets in February (when the department heads will presumably receive the required consent of the fund raisers).

The undignified closure of the congress was seen by the Israeli media as a fitting end for what was widely labelled a "farce" and "pathetic." The largest circulation newspaper, Yediot Achranot, ended its coverage Friday with an assessment which it attributed to congress delegates: "It is hard to imagine a more boring, humiliating and embarrassing event."

In the uproar that ensued following the passage of a controversial resolution calling for "complete equality of rights for all streams of the Jewish religion," the Mizrachi faction threatened to secede from the congress and the Zionist movement.

Newly elected WZO chairman Simcha Dinitz brought some easement, however, by assuring delegates that the resolution would not determine the laws and practices of the State of Israel. Despite that successful exercise in crisis-management, political observers said the religious pluralism issue had received the most attention at the congress after those of the elections and appointment of offices.

These observers noted the significant strengthening of the Reform and Conservative movements within the WZO and their solid alliances with Israeli Labor and its satellite parties. What remains to be seen is whether and to what extent this alliance will be translated into political power in the Jewish Agency, and inside Israel itself.

War crime suspects may flee: Littman

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report on alleged Nazi war criminals. He would not say whether Finta was one of the 20 against whom Deschenes recommended prompt legal action be taken.

Stephen Beatty, chief of staff for federal Justice Minister Ray Hnatyshyn, declined to say if Finta will remain under surveillance (he was released on bail after time in custody) or whether other suspects mentioned by Deschenes were under surveillance.

He would not say if any other suspects have left or attempted to leave the country.

However, some of the suspected war criminals investigated by the Deschenes Commission may have left the country, a spokesman for a prominent Nazi-hunting organization has suggested.

Sol Littman, Canadian representative of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, told The CJN he could not locate six war criminal suspects whose identities were revealed to the Deschenes Inquiry during its 2-year investigation of war criminals living in Canada.

Littman said they were either no longer at their addresses of a year ago or were not answering their telephones. He said the Wiesenthal Centre is also in contact with "people in the ethnic communities" who relayed "gossip" which confirmed his suspicions. While acknowledging his evidence was "not definitive," he said "it is suggestive."

"If you know the history of these people...they're not the type to sit around waiting for the axe to fall."

Littman claimed some are members of large international organizations — veterans groups and nationalist political parties — who could find support abroad.

Now "it appears some may be running," Littman said.

Liberal Justice critic Robert Kaplan could not confirm Littman's allegations, though he said, based on information he gathered when solicitor general in previous Liberal governments, some suspects may have the financial means to leave the country.

Littman has repeatedly questioned the willingness of the government and previous administrations to bring Nazi war criminals to justice, especially in light of domestic political considerations. Members of ethnic groups of East European origin have opposed the use of Soviet-supplied evidence in trials of suspected war criminals — evidence Littman thinks is crucial in obtaining convictions in many cases.

Despite the arrest of Finta, Littman remained skeptical: "I wish it did indicate to me the government was really gung ho."

Littman called the Finta case "exceptional," adding the government moved because of the publicity generated by Citron's libel case.

He said the government has been "sitting on" agreements with European countries which would allow Canadian investigators to gather evidence abroad.

Inquiries with the embassies of the Soviet Union, Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hungary indicate the countries agreed as early as last June to allow evidence gathering under the stringent safeguards set out by Deschenes, Littman said.

Justice Minister Hnatyshyn has had **since June** a written protocol from the Soviets allowing evidence-gathering under Deschenes guidelines, according to Alexei Makarov, minister-counsellor at the Soviet embassy.

The Soviet Union is waiting for the protocol to be signed, he added.

Makarov told The CJN that lawyers and representatives of the Windsor Star newspaper had recently obtained permission to travel to the Soviet Union to gather evidence for a libel case it is involved in. He said the arrangements were completed within a month.

Littman noted that it took Chris Amerasinghe, the crown attorney who successfully extradited Nazi war criminal Helmut Rauca to Germany, less than 45 days to gather the evidence against Rauca, during which he made two trips to West Germany, and one each to the Soviet Union and Israel to gather evidence.

The Name Game

There's a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN. If you have any information relating to the origin and meaning of your surname, please pass it along to Fred M. Catzman, c/o The Canadian Jewish News, 10 Gateway Blvd., Suite 420, Don Mills, Ont. M3C 3A1.

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RUBENZAHL

Rose Brass, of Toronto, nee Rubenzahl, is curious about the origin of her maiden name.

She writes that the closest reference she came across a few years ago was the name RUBEZAHL, which was the name of a mythical red-headed giant in German folklore.

I tracked down the name RUBEZAHL as well in German mythology, but it yielded a somewhat different description — a mountain ghost and lord of the mountainous highlands. Whichever version is correct, I am certain that it does not refer to her ancestors.

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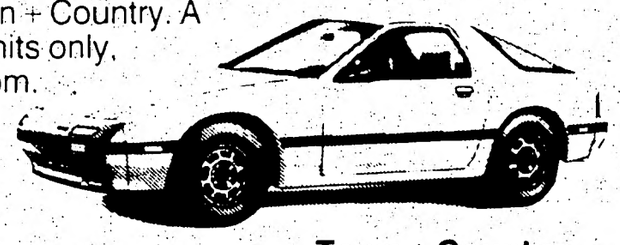

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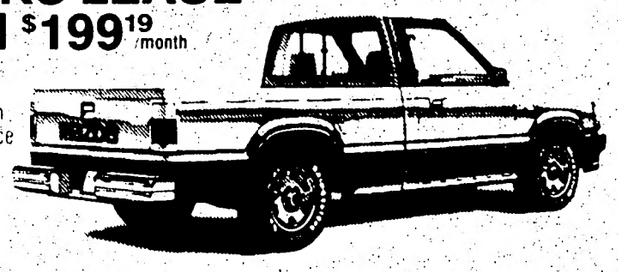

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Organizations and People

North York answer sought everywhere

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Earlier this year, the City of North York resolved an emotional dispute between ratepayers and faith communities when it adopted a task force's compromise suggestions about the locations and dimensions of houses of worship.

Now, Toronto Jewish Congress is hoping the municipal governments in Markham, York and Etobicoke adopt similar solutions to controversies over houses of worship in their regions.

Congress spokesman Bernie Farber said the city governments are considering changes to bylaws, or in the case of Markham, to the official plan, that would limit the location of new houses of worship to industrial/commercial areas far from the cities' population centres they are meant to serve.

Markham, home to several thousand Jews, is considering a proposal to limit new houses of worship to areas where land prices would make new construction prohibitive, Farber said.

However Markham has adopted TJC's suggestion that a task force be struck to find a solution that would accommodate all parties. Farber said Congress is promoting "the North York solution," which he sees as "a bellweather" for other communities.

North York City Council recently adopted the task force's recommendations that would allow faith communities to build houses of worship in residential neighborhoods "as of right." However the bylaw places limits on the size of churches and synagogues corresponding to the type of street on which they are located.

Places of worship on local collector roads in residential areas can have a maximum floor area of 15,000 square feet. Those on larger arterial roads, such as Glencairn Ave. are limited to a maximum floor space of 25,000 square feet.

Farber said the York Town Council is in the process of establishing a houses of worship committee and Markham has already set up a task force. The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto has applied to the Ontario Municipal Board to overturn a bylaw already passed by Etobicoke that limits the location of houses of worship.

"We must remind councils that it would be a retrograde step to legislate houses of worship out of residential areas," Farber said.

Myrtle Coopersmith (second from left) and Myra Kerkur are flanked on the left by Sheila Katz of Holy Blossom Temple, and on the right by Cindy Kipper of Beth Avraham Yosef Congregation, at Jewish Women's Federation Presidents' Council meeting.

JWF presidents network

By
ESTHER MEHR

TORONTO —

Thirty women in one room, representing widely diverse backgrounds from secular to the Reform, Conservative, Orthodox and Lubavitch communities, gather to amicably discuss and work out common goals.

Sound unlikely? Not when it's a meeting of Jewish Women's Federation Presidents' Council.

With each Council meeting, JWF, a department of Toronto Jewish Congress, reaffirms and strengthens its mandate to be "a model for unity in the Jewish community" through its 50 constituent organizations.

The common concern at this gathering was the enhancement of event planning and fund raising techniques for each of the organizations represented.

The session, arranged by JWF program committee chairmen Judy Gwartz and Myra Merkur, along with the vice-president for Leadership Development Myrtle Coopersmith, was conducted by TJC senior planning associate, Randy Spiegel.

In geographic terms, the representation was widespread, stretching from Thornhill all the way to Mississauga.

Women who under ordinary circumstances, would not have an opportunity to meet found themselves exchanging ideas and talking out their specific problems . . . in other words, networking.

That there is a definite need for much more of this kind of interaction was amply illustrated by the remarks and suggestions made on the evaluation forms which were handed in following the session.

Headline corrected

TORONTO —

No threat of excommunication was stated or meant in his booklet on the eruv, Rabbi Abraham Price told The Canadian Jewish News.

"The headline on the story was totally misleading," he said. "I did not say I was going to excommunicate anyone, nor did I intend to say it."

The Dec. 3 story should have been titled "New booklet on eruv," he said.

Fraternal group helps Baycrest

TORONTO —

Some $200,000 to the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care was among the New Fraternal Jewish Association's recent charitable contributions, says association president Morris Biderman.

He was reporting recently on the association's fund raising, communal, and programming activities in the past four years.

The association raises about $30,000 annually for the United Jewish Appeal, above and beyond individual members' contributions, he said.

Two rooms at Baycrest Hospital are in the name of the association.

A medical centre in Kiryat Yam, Israel, will be named after association member J. B. Salsberg. The association contributed over $100,000 to the centre's second floor addition.

"Since 1970, many tens of thousands of dollars have been sent directly to Kupat Holim (an Israeli health service), to purchase modern equipment and other needs for the medical centre," said Biderman.

He cited prominent members' — like Salsberg, Sam Lipshitz, and Al Hershkovitz — participation in the national executive of the Canadian Jewish Congress as evidence of the association's communal involvement.

Anne Harris and the association's women's committee were given an ovation for having raised thousands of dollars through teas, sales, and other "creative and conscientious work."

"The record shows that we have hardly slowed down," said Biderman. "This is the best proof that while we get older, we refuse to get old."

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Organizations and People

Cited for community service

'Peg JNF to laud Guy Kroft at Negev Dinner

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —
Mr. Justice Guy Kroft of the Manitoba Court of Queen's Bench will be the honoree at this city's Jewish National Fund's 36th annual Negev Dinner on June 14 at the Winnipeg Convention Centre.

In making the announcement, Winnipeg JNF president Sid Halpern said Judge Kroft has a distinguished record of community service, both within the Canadian and Winnipeg Jewish community and in regard to the State of Israel.

In honoring the Judge, the Negev Dinner is recognizing the new generation, those people active in the community who have come of age since the creation of the State of Israel.

Judge Kroft, 54, has been an active leader in both the general and Jewish communities and has demonstrated a deep commitment to strengthening Jewish life at home and in Israel, Halpern said.

He has been particularly active as part of the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council as an executive member since 1973, and as president in 1982.

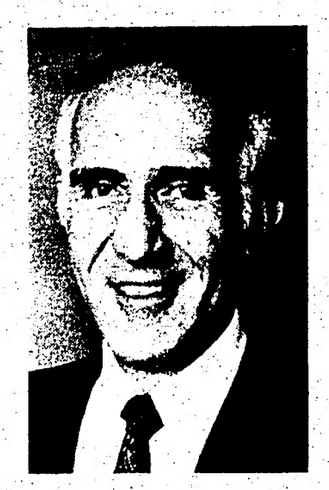
Judge Kroft is a founding member of the Canada-Israel Committee and is currently on the board of governors of the Canada-Israel Foundation for Academic Exchange. He is a former vice-president and executive member of the Canadian Jewish Congress and a board member of the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba.

In the general community, he is a past president of the Liberal Party of Manitoba and of the Canadian Club of Winnipeg.

Judge Kroft was appointed to the Court of Queen's Bench in Manitoba in February, 1979, and to the Supreme Court of the Yukon as deputy Judge in February, 1987.

Baruch Ben-Dov, in the second year as Jerusalem's JNF emissary to Manitoba and Saskatchewan, pointed out that, while Israel will be marking its 40th birthday in 1988, the JNF will be observing its 86th anniversary.

Prior to the state's birth, the JNF concentrated on purchasing land that would belong to the Jewish people in perpetuity. After Israel's creation, the organization was called upon increasingly to fulfil urgent top priority developmental tasks through land reclamation and afforestation.



Mr. Justice Guy Kroft

Halpern said the campaign to sign up dinner hosts will get under way immediately. Terming dinner chairman Richard Kroft (the honoree's brother), and co-chairmen of hosts Babs Asper and Ron Polinsky as a "virtual page out of a who's who of community leaders," the JNF president said "their high profile testifies to the very high esteem in which our dinner honoree is held and to the continuing close links that exist between our community and the vital works of the JNF."

Proceeds from the dinner will be allocated to an as yet undetermined special project. "Forty years ago," said Ben-Dov, "many probably doubted whether Israel would survive. This 40th anniversary is an opportunity for all of the Jewish people, not only Israelis, to identify with the achievements of Israel."

Menorah-lighting gala

TORONTO —
Choirs and dancers will highlight a menorah-lighting ceremony at North York's city hall on Thursday, Dec. 17 at 7:30 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Mayor's office of North York and is part of that city's month-long program to honor the celebrations of North York's various ethnic groups.

Rabbi Meir Gottesman will be master of ceremonies and Norm Gardner, representing the city of North York, will issue the official welcome. Opening remarks will be made by Harry Borenstein, chairman of the management committee of the Northeast branch of the Jewish Community Centre. Students from the Associated Hebrew Schools will light the six-foot tall menorah.

To complete the program, there will be dancing by students from both the United Synagogue and the Bialik Schools as well as a performance by the Chai dancers of the Jewish Community Centre. The Toronto JCC singers, led by Esther Ghan Firestone, will also perform. Bialik School students will present a play, A Tale of a Latke.

Admission is free and the public is cordially invited.

Congregation hosts Chanukah party

THORNHILL, Ont. —
Shaarei Zion-Associated Hebrew Schools Congregation invites local "children, youths, teenagers, parents, and grandparents" to a gala Chanukah party on Sunday, Dec. 19, beginning at 8 p.m.

Admission is free. Site is the Associated Leslie Street branch campus, 6100 Leslie St.

"There will be refreshments, entertainment, a play by the National Council of Synagogue Youth, and a door prize," the congregation spokesman added.

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What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

HOLIDAY DEADLINE

Sorry if you missed the Dec. 4 deadline for the Dec. 17 and 24 issues.

As you know, we are not publishing the issue of Dec. 31. The next issue after that is Jan. 7. The deadline for items for What's New and About People for that issue is Monday, Dec. 21, at 5 p.m. I will be at my desk all that day to receive your calls. Hope to hear from you then.

Thursday, Dec. 17

BASIC JUDAISM SERIES

The Basic Judaism lecture series continues on Thursday, Dec. 17, with **Rabbi Israel Silverman** speaking on The Meanings of Jewish Prayer.

The lecture takes place at 7.30 p.m. at B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd. Everyone is welcome and there is no charge.

Following the lecture, **Chana Werner** is teaching an optional Hebrew course on Sabbath prayers.

For more information, contact **Rabbi Howard Markose** at 635-5340.

Saturday, Dec. 19

PETAH TIKVA DANCE

Petah Tikva Sisterhood is sponsoring a Chanukah dance and light dinner on Saturday, Dec. 19, at 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 20 Danby Ave.

Reservations are required. Call the synagogue at 636-4719.

CHANUKAH DANCE

Total Living Mature Adults is holding a Chanukah dance with music by a deejay, refreshments and prizes on Saturday, Dec. 19, at 8 p.m. at Earl Bales Community Centre (Bathurst and Sheppard).

The cost is $4 paid-up members, $6 non-members.

COUPLES BOWLING CLUB

If you're newly married (or soon to be) and looking for a great way to meet new people, why not join Couples Bowling Club. This Jewish bowling league for married couples between the ages of 20 and 40 has started its first season and is looking for new bowlers. The next bowling date is Saturday, Dec. 19.

For further information, call 221-9641 after 6 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 20

RELIGION AND SECULARISM

Israel: Jewish State or Land of Hebrew-Speaking Gentiles — Religion and Secularism in Israel — A Reform Rabbi's View is what **Rabbi Michael Stroh** will be speaking about at the meeting sponsored by Tzavta Kibbutz Centre on Sunday, Dec. 20. Rabbi Stroh is immediate past president of Kadima—Canadian Council of Reform Zionists, and chairman of Arzenu—World Union of Reform Zionists.

The time is 8 p.m. at the centre, 1111Finch Ave. W., Suite 158. Refreshments will be served and there is parking on the premises.

OPENING OF NEW LIBRARY

The official opening of the new David and Luba Smuschkowitz Library at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue takes place Sunday, Dec. 20, at 10.30 a.m. in conjunction with the Chanukah party at the synagogue, 100 Elder St.

CHANUKAH COFFEE KLATCH

Sunday, Dec. 20, is the date of Congregation Habonim's afternoon Chanukah Coffee Klatch featuring entertainment by the JCC Singers under the direction of **Esther Ghan-Firestone**, and delicious refreshments.

This promises to be a delightful afternoon, so try to be there. The time is 2.30 p.m. and the cost is $5 members, $7.50 non-members.

TORONTO FIREFIGHTERS

City of Toronto firefighters, their families and friends will be climbing to the top of the CN Tower on Sunday, Dec. 20, from 9-11 a.m. to raise funds for the Hospital for Sick Children Burn Unit.

Pledges received from the public will be donated in honor of **Captain Donald Babineau**, the 24-year veteran of the TFD who died last September as a result of injuries received during training exercises.

Those wishing to pledge their support may do so by calling 392-7690.

Monday, Dec. 21

NAGILLA CHAPTER BBW

The Nagilla Chapter of B'nai B'rith Women, a chapter for 40 plus single women, is having its Chanukah meeting and party on Monday, Dec. 21, at 8 p.m. at the North York Library, 5120 Yonge. St., 2nd floor meeting room 2.

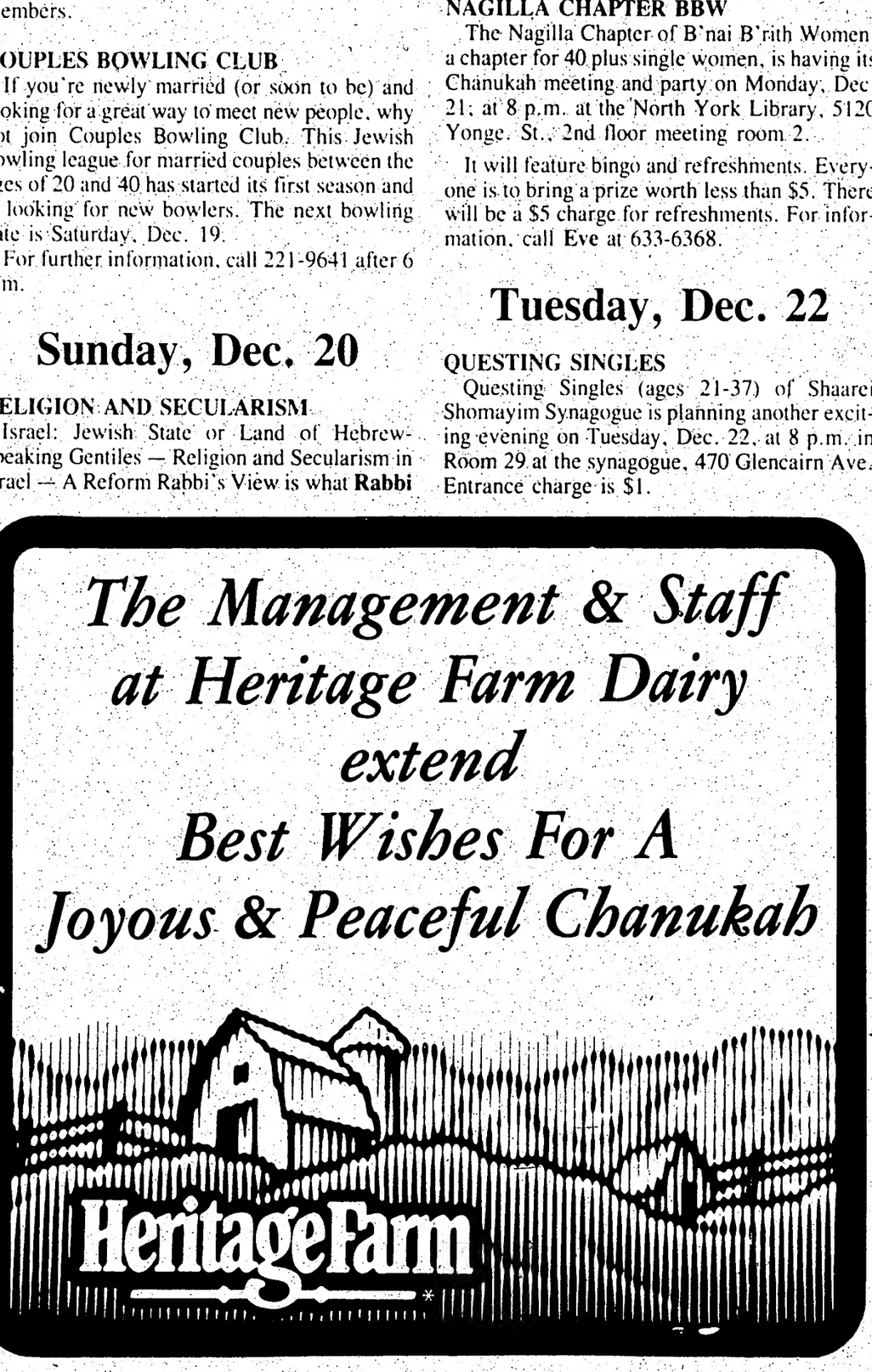
It will feature bingo and refreshments. Everyone is to bring a prize worth less than $5. There will be a $5 charge for refreshments. For information, call **Eve** at 633-6368.

Tuesday, Dec. 22

QUESTING SINGLES

Questing Singles (ages 21-37) of Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue is planning another exciting evening on Tuesday, Dec. 22, at 8 p.m. in Room 29 at the synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. Entrance charge is $1.

The Management & Staff at Heritage Farm Dairy extend Best Wishes For A Joyous & Peaceful Chanukah



AMAL MEDALLION STRUCK

Major-General Baruch Levy (left) commander-in-chief of the Israel civil defence forces, was in Toronto recently under auspices of the Canadian Friends of Amal. The guest at a special cocktail reception at the home of Norman and Sharon Gottlieb, he is presenting the Gottliebs with a special medallion struck for them by the Amal vocational training school.

Wednesday, Dec. 23

LOLA JULITTA BURNS IN CONCERT

On Wednesday, Dec. 23, pianist **Lola Julitta Burns** will be presenting a musical afternoon of Chanukah and holiday songs and semi-classical music at 2 p.m. at Cheltenham Nursing Home, 5935 Bathurst St.

Refreshments will be served and everyone is welcome.

Thursday, Dec. 24

LOVE AND MARRIAGE

Ohr Somayach— Jewish Education Program (JEP) and Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue are co-sponsoring a lecture by **Dale Gottlieb**, former professor of analytic philosophy at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore on Thursday, Dec. 24. His topic will be Love and Marriage. The program will also include guest entertainer **Meir Linden** and refreshments.

The time is 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. Admission is $5. For information, call 785-5899.

MUSICAL HAPPY HOUR

Pianist **Lola Julitta Burns** will entertain with a program of Chanukah and holiday songs and dance music at Lincoln Place Nursing Home, 429 Walmer Rd., on Thursday, Dec. 24, at 2.15 p.m.

And What Else Is New...

JEWISH FILM SOCIETY

The Jewish Film Society of Toronto Jewish Congress reports that the opening night showing of Yidel Miten Fidl with guest speaker **Linda Shapiro** on Nov. 22 was very successful and it is looking forward to its next screening on Sunday, Jan. 10, on A.M. Klein, with poet **Miriam Waddington**. It will take place at 7.30 p.m. at the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St.

Tickets are still available for the remaining four films in the series at $25 with two free guest passes per membership. For information, call 635-2883, ext. 154.

HAR TIKVAH OF BRAMPTON

Har Tikvah Congregation of Brampton serves Jewish families and singles in Peel Region.

Two events are planned for this coming weekend — a family Kabbalat Shabbat service on Friday, Dec. 18, at 7 p.m. and a special Chanukah candlelighting party on Saturday, Dec. 19, at 4 p.m. Both will be held in the sanctuary and community centre at 9893 Torbram Rd. N. in Brampton.

For further information, call **Stan Corbett** at 792-7589.

TEL-AIDE

If you would like to talk to someone about your problems, either physical or emotional, Tel-Aide: the Jewish Distress Line volunteers are available to listen at 636-9610. Tel-Aide listeners have all taken an extensive training course, are well qualified to listen, and would be happy to spend time with you on the phone. Or you might have a loved one you are concerned about.

Listeners are available days, evenings and Sundays. Tel-Aide is a call-in service only and is sponsored by Toronto Jewish Congress.

HAMILTON'S SHALOM VILLAGE

Upcoming special events this month at Shalom Village Retirement Home in Hamilton include:

Sunday, Dec. 20 — B'nai B'rith Hamilton Lodge Chanukah party at 2 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 24 — Kumsitz with **Helen, Lil** and **Zelda**, including social tea and crafts at 2 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 30 — Flower arranging with **Hariette Smurlick** at 10.30 a.m.

Thursday, Dec. 31 — New Year's eve party with entertainment by **Jeff King** at 8 p.m.

Ongoing weekly programs include —

Sunday to Friday — Exercise with **Bernie** at 10 a.m.

Monday — Mosaic tile at 2 p.m.; singing together at 4 p.m.; bingo at 7.30 p.m.

Tuesday — Current events with **Mark Nagler** at 10.30 a.m.; card games (rummy with **Walter**, bridge with **Lees**) from 1.30-4 p.m.; video at 7.30 p.m.

Wednesday — Breakfast club at 9 a.m.; ceramics with **Lois** at 2.30 p.m.

Saturday — Yiddish readings with **Rena Freeman** at 2.30 p.m.

Shalom Village is located at 70 Macklin St. N., Hamilton. The phone number is 528-5377.

TINY TOTS CREATE & BAKE

Kenton Tiny Tots is running a program at North York Civic Stadium (Bathurst and Finch area) on Tuesday afternoons from 1.30-3.30 for children 3½-5 years of age, starting in January.

Activities include arts and crafts, cooking, daily snack and more. All food supplies are kosher.

Space is limited, so call 665-3669 now for information and registration.

SINGLES WEEKEND

The Community Network for Jewish Singles of Detroit is planning a weekend for Jewish singles Jan. 22-24. The weekend features cross-country skiing, skating, tobogganing, games, movies, self-defence and stretch and tone, horseback riding and a dance.

The cost is $85 U.S. which includes meals and lodging. Ski rental is an additional $7 per day, horseback riding is $5. Reservations are being accepted through Jan. 15. Send your check payable to the Jewish Community Centre, 6600 W. Maple Rd., West Bloomfield, Mich., 48322. For further information, call **Jill Cole** at (313) 661-1000, ext. 347.

LUNCH-TIME PLEASURE SKATING

Spend your Tuesday lunches skating at the Don Mills Civitan Arena, 1030 Don Mills Rd. (at Lawrence) from noon to 2 p.m. All ages are welcome and there is no charge.

For more information, call North York parks and recreation department at 224-6268.

SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIPS

Every top hardball squash player in North America is expected to be in Toronto Jan. 7-11 when the $70,000 Royal Trust World Professional Squash Association Championships are held.

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Royal Trust-sponsored championships to be decided are Men's Professional; World Teaching Professional; World Professional Veterans' (40 years or older); World Professional Seniors' (50 years or older) and World Junior Mens' (18 years and under). Xerox of Canada is sponsoring the Women's Professional Championships.

The championships will be contested in the grand ballrooom of the Sheraton Centre on the WPSA's 3-glass-wall tour squash court.

The Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, the official charity of the WPSA, will share in the proceeds of the sale of tickets, which are available from 872-BASS, the WPSA at 869-3499 or at the door.

BEAUTIFY NORTH YORK AWARDS

The 1987 Beautify North York Awards committee selected the winners in the following categories (the first named received the Award for Excellence, the second named, the runner up Superior Award) —

Industrial — Scepter Engineering and Saffer Advertising; Commercial — Auberge du Pommier and The Glen Group; Institutional — St. Fidelis Community Church and Metropolitan Toronto Police 31 Division.

The best overall landscaping entry was The Four Seasons Corporate Offices.

Mayor Mel Lastman presented awards recipients with framed scrolls in recognition of the most outstanding improvements to the external appearance of their building or property.

FREE TORAH HIGH SCHOOL

The National Conference of Synagogue Youth (NCSY) is accepting new registration for the Free Torah High School second semester which begins Jan 25.

The classes for grades 9-13 include ulpan, Jewish philosophy, Jewish history, Sephardic customs and are held Mondays and Thursdays from 4.30-6.30 p.m. at B'nai Torah Congregation, 465 Patricia Ave. There is a special program for grade 8 students.

Register by phone by calling 223-6909 or 782-3117 or come in person on Monday, Jan. 18, or Thursday, Jan. 21, from 4.30-6.30 p.m.

A special Chanukah dinner and party is being held by the FTH on Thursday, Dec. 17, at 5.30 p.m. Come and see what the school is all about. There is no charge but you must reserve by calling 223-6909.

NCSY HAPPENINGS

NCSY (National Conference of Synagogue Youth) is sponsoring a Jewish floor hockey league, starting in January, with two division — junior highschool and senior highschool. Games are held Tuesdays and Thursdays at Beattie Secondary School, 110 Drewry Ave. You can either form a team or come as an individual. For information, contact the coordinator **Allan Teller** at 764-2892 or 782-3117.

NCSY is also starting karate classes for boys 13-18 years of age, starting Jan. 28. These classes are free but space is limited so call now! The numbers are 223-6909 or 782-3117.

CHANUKAH DISPLAY

Toronto B'nai B'rith Women's Council has mounted a Chanukah display of various menorahs in the visitors centre at Black Creek Pioneer Village, Jane and Steeles. The display is on view until Jan. 15, Mondays to Fridays from 9.30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and weekends from 10 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. It is closed on legal holidays.

THE HERITAGE OF CHILDREN

Are you being denied access to your grandchildren? Children have a right to know their heritage, say the members of a group called The Heritage of Children, who are working to ensure grandparents' access to grandchildren.

Recently MPP **Tony Ruprecht** submitted a petition to the Ontario legislature with 1,400 signatures of persons concerned about this problem. The group is still looking for more letters and names. If you are interested and would like to support this effort, send your letter to **Abraham Silver**, 73½ Day Ave., Toronto M6E 3W1.

HOLIDAY GIFT WRAPPING

When you are shopping at the Promenade mall, be sure to drop by the holiday gift wrapping booth on the lower level manned by members of Chaverim Chapter B'nai B'rith Women. The booth will be open through to Dec. 24, each day from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Proceeds will go to BBW charities.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 5th annual Conference of Principals and Administrators took place recently in Niagara Falls, Ont. Representatives of the Board of Jewish Education, Associated Hebrew Day Schools, Bialik Hebrew Day Schools, Community Hebrew Academy, Eitz Chaim Day Schools, Leo Baeck Day School, Or Haemet, United Synagogue Day School and Beth Tikvah Congregational School participated in the conference. The purpose of the conference was to provide an opportunity for principals and administrators to share ideas and to discuss mutual problems.

The keynote speaker was **Peter Barrow**, a public relations and marketing specialist, who discussed strategies to help schools communicate with those parents whose children are not receiving a Jewish education and to inform parents of the type of education each school is offering. These ideas will be further discussed within the individual schools and at the Principals and Administrators Association.

COUNTRY CLUB DAY CAMP

A new day camp is being set up operating as a separate entity at Richmond Hill Country Club located on Bathurst St. north of Hwy 7.

The owner/operator of the newly established Country Club Day Camp, **Brenda Goldstein** has 25 years experience working with children that includes teaching primary and junior grades in London, Port Hope and Toronto and summers as part of the counselling staff at Camp Shalom, Camp Kawagama and Camp Robin Hood.

The camp commences this summer with a well-rounded program for campers ages 3-15. If you would like more information, contact Mrs. Goldstein at 736-7332.

LEAH POSLUNS THEATRE SCHOOL

Plan to act this coming new year! The Leah Posluns Theatre School is offering courses for children, ages 7-9 years and 10-13 years, in Creative Drama; for teens in Scriptwriting/ Improvisation/Acting and Musical Theatre, and for adults in Acting — beginners and advanced, Scriptwriting through Improvisation, Backstage Workshops and Daytime Acting.

Also, there is a unique course entitled Professionalize Yourself for the business professional designed to upgrade communication and presentation skills.

For the very best in professional part-time theatre training, call 636-1880, ext. 230 or 271.

MEALS ON WHEELS

North York Meals on Wheels, an organization that delivers hot, nutritious noon hour meals to the area's elderly and handicapped citizens, urgently needs volunteers to assist in the daily program.

Particularly needed are drivers on Monday, Wednesday and Friday (any or all of these days) between the hours of 11 a.m. and 12.30 p.m.

For further information, contact the North York Volunteer Centre at 481-6194.

at the jcc

Join the crowd at the JCC Valley Singles Network (ages 30-49) annual Chanukah dance on Thursday, Dec. 24, at 8.30 p.m. at the Valley, 7015 Leslie St. There will be refreshments, a deejay with music you love to dance to, spot dance prizes and a surprise door prize. The charge is $5 members with cards, $7 non-members. Call 889-0813 for information.

For the Singles Network (ages 30-49) New Year's eve party on Thursday, Dec. 31 at 8.30 p.m., **Marianne** has once again offered her home. Refreshments will include cold cuts, salads and dessert. The cost is $18 members of Singles Network, $22 non-members. Reservations are a must by Dec. 28. Call **Esther** at 889-0813 or **Marianne** at 731-2914.

The JCC Valley Singles 49 Plus? Group is holding a pre-New Year's celebration dance party complete with deejay, refreshments, spot dance prizes and a door prize, on Saturday, Dec. 27, at 8 p.m. at the Valley, upstairs party room, 7015 Leslie St. This is for singles 49 years of age and over. The charge is $4 members with cards, $8 non-members.

The JCC Valley Singles social hotline provides 24-hour taped information on happenings in the Jewish community. The number is 889-5101.

for seniors

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave., has been awarded a $5,505 New Horizons grant to continue an ongoing project, Mental Stimulation. The program includes drama classes, art lectures in history and appreciation and conversational Hebrew courses. New Horizons is a federal government program that offers grants to groups of retired people who undertake activities for the benefit of themselves and others in the community.

Workmen's Circle Social Club meets on Tuesday, Dec. 22, at noon at 471 Lawrence Ave. W., for lunch and distribution of Miami tickets.

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TAU ALUMNI GROWS

The Overseas Student Program of Tel Aviv University recently launched the Toronto Chapter of its Alumni Association. The wine and cheese reception was held at the home of Dr. Marvin and Dr. Mary Waksman Cooper (left). With them are (from left) Amos Gilboa of Israel, director of the Overseas Student Program, and Yaacov Erez, national executive director, Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University. For information about the Alumni Association, contact Randi Elkind, national coordinator of academic affairs, or Debbie Litwin, national coordinator of alumni affairs, at 731-3178.

CHOCOLATE SUNDAY

Toronto Women's ORT recently sponsored the 2nd annual Chocolate Sunday. Toasting a successful show, with chocolate milk, of course, are (from left) Ada Kozlowsky, Toronto chocolatier; Sandy Berkal, Chocolate Sunday coordinator; Toronto Mayor Art Eggleton; Harriet Morton, national president of Women's Canadian ORT, and Marilyn Somers, president of Toronto Women's ORT. [Michael Markowich photo]

HEBREW U CONTRIBUTION

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem has again benefitted from the generosity of Dr. Adolf (right) and Klara (left) Brettler, who recently made a new contribution to help continue the work being done at the Dr. Adolf and Klara Medical Research Centre at the university's faculty of medicine in Ein Kerem. They are seen here with Dayle Rakowsky, executive director, Central Region, Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, discussing the latest developments at the centre.

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For information, call **Shirley Grotell** at 222-7727.

The JCC Singers can be heard in concert Sunday, Dec. 20, at 3 p.m. at Congregation Habonim, 12 Hollaman Rd., under the direction of **Esther Ghan-Firestone** accompanied at the piano by **Sara Barkin-Sandler**...Now that your friends the snowbirds have gone south, why not fill the gap by joining this friendly, versatile seniors choir and be rewarded by performing for seniors in homes, hospitals and at community functions. Rehearsals are every Thursday from 9.30-11 a.m. at the Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St., Room 221. To read music is not a prerequisite. For information, call **Dolly Brown**, 636-9468.

The LZA Seniors Club meets daily at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave., from noon to 4 p.m. for an afternoon of cards, chess and discussion...Shuffleboard teams meet every Tuesday and Thursday evening at 7.30...The Cultural Circle meets every Tuesday at 10 a.m. On Dec. 22, **Jay Lipsey** will speak on The Meaning of Chanukah.

The Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows Program for women 55-69 years of age, widowed less than two years, meets every second Sunday from 12.30-2 p.m. in the Lipa and Fanny Green Library of the centre, 55 Ameer Ave. The coordinator is **Toby Warsh**. The next meeting takes place Dec. 20. For information, call the centre at 789-5131, ext. 2271, Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Widows 70 and Over Program at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave., meets every second Sunday from 1-2.30 in the conference room. The next meeting is set for Dec. 20. The coordinator is **Micky Zimmerman**. For information, call the centre at 789-5131, ext. 2271, Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Wagman Centre Self-Help Widowers Program for men 55 years of age and older, widowed less than two years, meets every other Sunday from 10.30 a.m. to noon in the Lipa and Fanny Green Library of the centre, 55 Ameer Ave. The next meeting is Dec. 20. For information, call the centre at 789-5131, ext. 2271, Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Due to the holidays, **Beth Tzedec Friendship Club Plus 50** will not be meeting Dec. 22 and 29. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 5, at 1.30 p.m. when you can celebrate the festive season with **Elka Beigel**, a singer of melodies that you will like. Everyone is welcome. The charge for non-members is $1.50.

Marc Seniors Social Group invites the neighbors to a weekly bingo game on Thursdays at 7 p.m. at 6091 Bathurst St. in the activity room. Proceeds go to charitable causes.

At the **Wagman Centre**, 55 Ameer Ave. — The raffle for an antique doll was won by **Jean Constanto**, who held winning ticket number 52. The draw was held Nov. 30...The Chanukah musical show, Hershele, directed by **Nathan Garnick** with accompanist **Nathan Rosen**, is being presented by The Heritage Players on Thursday, Dec. 17, from 7.30-8.30 p.m. in the Assembly Room. The charge is $2 for Terrace residents, members and students and $3 general admission at the door.

Celebrate with the Bloor Y's **Good Age Club** at the bright and cheerful Chanukah party on Thursday, Dec. 17, at 2 p.m. when you will enjoy good food, entertainment by singer **Arnie Witkin** and more. The Bloor Y is located at 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor). The charge is 50¢ Good Age members, $1 non-members.

A new club is starting, the **Diamond Jubilee**, for seniors interested in outings, socials, dancing, dance lessons, cards and bridge lessons (Tuesdays at 8 p.m.). The club meets Wednesdays from 2-4 p.m. and every third Sunday of the month at 968 Eglinton Ave. W., upstairs. The next Sunday meeting is set for Dec. 20, from 2-4 p.m. For information, call 782-5024.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

The Friendship Circle for people 55 and over and on their own is meeting on Thursday, Dec. 17, at 7 p.m. in the music room. The program features Police Constable **Connie Hart** who will be talking about Taking Safety Measures for Oneself in the Home, on the Street and in the Parking Lot. This is for Friendship Circle members only. The fee of $1 includes refreshments.

Dance to the music of the Creative Band on Sunday, Dec. 20, from 7.30-10.30 p.m. Admission is $2 members, $2.50 non-members.

The La' Briyut Wellness Centre is presenting a film entitled Health in Later Years on Thursday, Dec. 24, at 1.30 p.m. in the synagogue. This film uses comic vignettes to illustrate the importance of a healthy lifestyle.

singles events

Singles Events is an advertising feature of The Canadian Jewish News. For information on rates and deadlines please call Shayla at 422-2528.

Metro Toronto Singles Presents — 2nd annual Chanukah party, **Thursday, Dec. 24,** 8:00 p.m. **Desoto's.** 759 Mt. Pleasant Rd. (south of Eglinton). Traditionally our biggest party of the year. $7.00. Sid — 222-7111.

JCC Valley Singles Network — "Dance of Lights" Chanukah dance. Thursday, December 24th, 8:30 p.m. JCC Valley, 7015 Leslie Street. D.J., refreshments, door prizes. $5.00 members (with cards), $7.00 non-members. Info: call Sally Kerbel 889-0813.

New Years Eve Party — 8:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 31. Ages 30-49. Private home. Buffet dinner. Admission $18.00 members of Singles Network, $22.00 non-members. Must be paid in advance by Dec. 28th. RSVP - 889-0813 or Marianne - 731-2914.

Total Living Mature Singles Chanukah Dance: Saturday, Dec. 19, 8:00 p.m. Earl Bales Community Centre (Bathurst Sheppard). Music by D.J. Refreshments, prizes. Members $4.00, nonmembers $6.00.

Singles Rendez-vous (25-45). Sunday, Dec. 20, 8:00 p.m. — Mix and Mingle Chanukah Celebration. Games, Folksinging, Refreshments. $4.00. Community Centre, 2140 Avenue Rd. 633-6163. Friday, Dec. 25, 1:30 p.m. — Ice skating. 225-9773.

About People

CUB NATIONAL DIRECTOR

The North American Jewish Students' Network—Canada has announced that the position of national director for the Canadian Universities Bureau (CUB) has been filled by **Sol Jakubowicz.**

Sol Jakubowicz

A native Torontonian, Sol graduated from the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (CHAT), followed by three years study at York University. He spent last year in Israel on Project Otzma, a year-long leadership training program sponsored by Toronto Jewish Congress. His experience will help him in his new position, which includes bringing innovative Israel programs to campuses across Canada.

Sol is currently attending York University, part-time, in the evening, to complete his BA in sociology.

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ICRF MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Pictured at a recent membership meeting of the Israel Cancer Research Fund at home of Ira and Sherry Kaufman are (from left) the Kaufmans, Dr. Mark Wainberg, chairman, Scientific Advisory Board, and co-hosts Bertha and Bill Savlov.

HAL LINDEN IN TORONTO

During his recent trip to Toronto, actor Hal Linden, honorary chairman of American Friends of Beit Halochem, spoke to the Canadian counterpart, Beit Halochem, Aid to Disabled Veterans of Israel (Canada), at a reception at Adath Israel Synagogue. From left are Paul Rothstein, secretary-treasurer, Harvey Joseph, president, and Linden.

PTA FUND RAISING EFFORTS

Joe Steiner, chairman of the board of Bialik Hebrew Day School, accepts a $20,000 check from the Bialik PTA president Dale Joffe (centre) which represents proceeds from last year's PTA fund raising efforts. Looking on is Charlotte Schwartz, immediate past president of the PTA. [Mollie Rothman photo]

BATTERED WOMEN PROGRAM

Once again B'nai B'rith Women of Canada is in the forefront of the battle to better the plight of battered women. At a ceremony held recently at the national BBW office in Toronto, the president, Ruth Rose, presented Marilyn Horwich, president of Education Wife Assault, with a $1,300 check to pay the costs of printing a Program Manual to Train Lay Counsellors of Battered Women. This manual will be distributed to communtiy groups, professional groups, hospitals, children aid societies, immigrant women's groups and support groups for battered women. From left are Hannah Feldman, public affairs chairman, BBW of Canada; Horwich and Rose.

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Negev Dinner honoree calls for religious equality

Goodman lauds Israel as "island of democracy"

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —
The twin evils of bigotry and racism which exist in Israel must be destroyed in their infancy if Israel is to maintain the respect and support of the democratic world and ultimately survive, says Eddie Goodman, 1987 Toronto Negev Dinner honoree.

Goodman said at the recent Jewish National Fund function that Israel now survives and maintains the respect of the Western world because it is "an island of democracy and liberty in a sea of tyranny."

However, this democracy will not survive if religious equality does not exist within Israel and if the civil rights of minorities — Arabs included — are not protected.

Therefore, he said, the "early seedlings" of these evils must be uprooted and destroyed.

At the same time, Goodman said Jews must never forget the struggle against terrorism and economic insecurity which are caused by the bigotry and intolerance which surround Israel's borders.

"These struggles will be won, for if they are not the evil and racism will spread throughout the whole world," he said.

"Mankind will only survive if we accept the obligation and responsiblity of being our brother's keeper. If we do not recognize our responsibilities to others, the world will dissolve into chaos as the unfortunate demand their just due from the fortunate."

This year's honoree expressed his appreciation to all those who helped make the Negev Dinner possible, from dinner chairman Lionel Schipper and his wife Carol, to his wife Suzanne, sister Cecily Peters, Herbert Solway and former Ontario Premier William Davis.

"(Davis') presence means a great deal to me because there is no Western statesman who spoke out and acted against the PLO as quickly as he did," Goodman told the capacity crowd of over 1,000 at the Royal York Hotel ballroom.

Pulling himself out the limelight, Goodman said the real reason everyone had gathered was not to honor him, but to celebrate two miracles that go hand in hand — the creation of the Jewish National Fund 87 years ago and the birth of Israel 40 years ago.

"In my family in the 1920s, Palestine and the dream of Zion was crystallized by working for Hadassah-WIZO, Young Judaea, the Hebrew University, but above all, the Jewish National Fund, the JNF that turned little blue boxes with chains into trees and reclaimed swamps.

"I believe that without the renewal and reclamation of the land and establishment of settlements through the efforts of JNF there never would have been an Israel," he said. "Within me it planted the seeds of Herzl's dream. The second miracle makes tonight's dinner very special.

At Goodman's request, funds raised through the Negev Dinner are being earmarked to rebuild one settlement in the Galil near the Kinneret and the towns of Nazareth and Capernaum.

This is part of JNF's plan to establish over 60 new agri-industrial settlements in the Galil within the next five years in order to bring about a substantial increase in the Jewish population in the region.

The infrastructure of 18 of these new villages is coming into being through a large project known as Galil Canada undertaken by JNF of Canada.

Israeli Consul-General Benjamin Abileah brought greetings from the President and Prime Minister of Israel and praised the role of JNF in helping make the Negev Desert recede and helping restore the "ecology of old" to make Israel a land of "milk and honey.

"The JNF is what made it all happen from the start, building something out of nothing and restoring the glory of old," said Abileah, one of the head table guests who praised the role of JNF and Goodman's contributions.

Others at the head table included Ontario Lieutenant-Governor Lincoln Alexander and his wife Yvonne, Keren Kayemeth representative Col. Yehoshua Bar-Am and Meira, JNF of Toronto executive director Yehuda and Etty Danzig, A. Ephraim and Shirley Diamond, Michael Goldstein, Mark and Helen Gross, Marvin and Frances Mandell, Lewis J.E. and Ethel Moses, David and Cecily Peters, Alan and Sandy Posluns, Beth Tikvah's Cantor Efraim Sapir, Herbert Solway, JNF national president Saul Zitzerman and Lionel and Carol Schipper.

Schipper, Diamond and Solway were also singled out for their outstanding contributions to the top gifts division, Lewis J.E. Moses, Alan Posluns and Mark Sager were cited for their contribution to the general canvass division and Albert Mandel was awarded the Bernard M. Bloomfield Medal for his outstanding efforts on behalf of JNF for the past 20 years.

Zitzerman praised Goodman for his contributions to the community and Canada and said that by honoring Goodman, JNF, a cause that preceded the creation of Israel, was being honored.

Following a JNF slide presentation showing the growth of JNF and Israel from 1882 when a small group of Jews led by Herzl started to return to Israel, Cecily Peters, immediate past national president of Hadassah-WIZO and Goodman's sister, shared her "innermost feelings" about her parents and brother.

"All my life I have been known as Eddie Goodman's sister and I was very proud of it," Peters said. "When I became national president I became known as national president of Hadassah-WIZO and Eddie Goodman's sister."

Peters said that both her father and mother influenced and affected her and Eddie's lives and instilled in them a love of Canada, Judaism and a "keen sense of our heritage" and Zionism.

"Eddie and I took such pride in the fact that our father became the eighth Jewish lawyer admitted to the bar in Ontario," she said. "This was an extraordinary achievement for a Jew in the 1920s.

"Father was a perfectionist and taught us to excel," Peters added. "He was also a proud Canadian who taught us that one should be part of the political system. He was active on the political scene in the Conservative Party and I'm sure that influenced Eddie's life."

Diamond presented Goodman with the Negev dinner citation, saying that Goodman has given his time, energy and devotion to many worthy to stand up and do what he believes.

"The measure of the man is seen by what he has put into the community," Diamond said. "He is loyal to Canada, his community, Israel and friends. Whenever you need him, Eddie is always there."

Goodman has served as founding director and president of the National Ballet Company of Canada; chairman and honorary chairman of the Committee for an Independent Canada; president of the University College Alumni Association; co-chairman of the University College Restoration Campaign; chairman of Corporate Gifts for the University of Ottawa Building Fund and chairman of Special Gifts for the United Jewish Appeal.

For two years Goodman was a special lecturer in the department of political economy of the University of Toronto.

At the moment Goodman is the honorary counsel of the Baycrest Geriatric Hospital; chairman of the board of trustees of the Royal Ontario Museum; a director of The Edward Dunlop Foundation, the YMHA, Mount Sinai Hospital, Baton Broadcasting Inc., Cadillac Fairview Corp., John Labatt Ltd., Central Trust Comp., Central Capital Corp., BGU Central Investment Management Ltd., and Brascan Ltd. He is a trustee of the Ontario Jockey Club and honorary president of the Boy Scouts of Toronto.

Alan Posluns, (right), president of Jewish National Fund of Toronto, presents the 1987 Negev Dinner citation to Eddie Goodman while his wife Sue looks on. [Graphic Artists photo]

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Organizations and People

To be completed in early 1989

BB to build $12M seniors apartment building

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

TORONTO —
A new senior citizens apartment building will soon be built by B'nai B'rith Canada at Bathurst St. three blocks south of Sheppard Ave.

Construction of the $12 million project on a site of almost two acres will begin this spring at Reiner Rd. across from Earl Bales Park.

When completed in early 1989, it will house dozens of seniors of all faiths in 162 1- and 2-bedroom units. About half the suites will be subsidized by the provincial government.

The project is part of B'nai B'rith's commitment to helping seniors live in affordable housing, says David Lerner, BB Canada's national chairman for senior citizen housing.

"It's very sad that people in their later years have difficulty in finding suitable housing," Lerner says.

"B'nai B'rith is aware of this problem and is doing everything it can to assist them."

The new seniors' building, to be funded by the provincial government, will be the second in the area.

A smaller 8-storey 129-unit dwelling, financed by the federal Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp., was built across the street about 4½ years ago by BB's Upper Canada Lodge.

It houses people of all faiths who are older than 60 years of age. Half the suites are subsidized by the Ontario government and rents for the other half are set at market value with 1-bedrooms costing $525 and 2-bedrooms, $600 per month.

Four apartments are occupied by mentally handicapped clients of the Reena Foundation.

Lerner says there is a waiting list of more than 500 people for this building which has a chapel, social hall, library, card, craft and meeting rooms. Vacancies are minimal.

The new project — which will have similar facilities to the first building in addition to a non-profit daycare centre — has already attracted more than 1,000 inquiries.

"It really points out how desperate the need is for affordable housing in this city," Lerner says.

The quality of seniors' lives improves in these type of buildings and residents are encouraged to participate in many social activities including crafts and cards, he says.

"They live longer and they live better."

Lerner says BB Canada has received strong support from the City of North York for its senior citizens housing program here.

"The council has been very sympathetic to the needs of the elderly in our society."

Lerner adds BB Canada is presently investigating a site in Thornhill for a possible future senior citizens apartment building project.

New Hamilton JCC now open

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —
"We finally did it!"

Smiling broadly, relief mingled with pride, outgoing Jewish Community Centre president Harvey Waxman summed it up for everyone as the Hamilton Jewish Federation and the JCC held their first combined annual general meeting at the new JCC recently.

The community-wide meeting was the first opportunity for many to tour the building and inspect their long-awaited new home on the western outskirts of the city.

Waxman announced a major campaign to begin in mid-January to raise funds for the necessary renovations and additions to the former Hillside Racquets Club on Lower Lions Club Road before it can become a fully operational JCC.

Former president William Morris, who chaired the meeting and installed the new Federation executive, said that the past year has been a memorable one.

"For years," he went on, "the relocation of the Jewish Community Centre has been the war cry of so many of our citizens," and he commended community leadership for their "foresight, determination and optimism" in purchasing the new site for the JCC.

Noting that the past year saw the culmination of events no one dreamed of when she took office in 1985, outgoing Federation president Andrea Stringer mentioned some of the lesser known events that had taken place during the past year, among them the long overdue revision of constitution by-laws and the establishment of a community planning committee under the chairmanship of Dr. Franklyn Shapiro.

Incoming HJF president Phil Leon urged cooperation among all groups and organizations. "Federation," he stated, "is the true umbrella organization for all organizations in the area . . . the trunk of the tree, and all other organizations branches of the same tree."

New JCC president Michael Kemeny declared this to be "a time for everyone to be optimistic. The future looks bright he said, as he urged the community to show their support for the new JCC.

The JCC executive was installed by former president Leo Strub, who observed that the progression of presidents, starting with Barbara Pollock (in the early 1970s) "has gone from strength to strength."

JCC and Federation executive director Sid Brail praised the Hamilton lay leadership as the finest group of volunteers he had ever worked with and observed: "The maturity of our community will not be measured by bricks and mortar or dollars raised but rather by . . . our ability to accept our differences, maintain our differences and use our differences as we strive towards a pluralistic Jewish society."

UJA campaign chairman Mel Gunn reported that this year's campaign is 22½% over last year's which augurs well for the rest of the campaign, and he lauded the women's division under Marcia Halpren and Faye Schmerling for being "exemplary across Canada and a good example for the men."

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B'nai B'rith Canada Award of Merit honoree Moe Closs (centre) is seen with (from left) Dr. Brian Feldman, president-elect, B'nai B'rith Canada; Miki Closs; Eleanor London, BB endowment chairman; and William Morris, BB national foundation chairman.

Chrysler head Closs gets BB Windsor award

WINDSOR — Moe Closs, president and chief executive officer of Chrysler Canada Ltd., has won the 1987 B'nai B'rith Canada Award of Merit for the City of Windsor.

The prestigious award was presented at a recent black tie affair at the Polonia Cultural and Recreational Centre here. About 700 people attended.

Dr. Brian Feldman, BB Canada's president-elect, thanked dinner co-chairmen Carl Cohen, of the Paroian, Couray, Cohen and Houston law firm, and Sidney Katzman, Zalev Brothers Ltd. president, for their work in ensuring the dinner's success. Frank Miller was the gala's honorary chairman.

William Morris, BB's national foundation chairman, said, "It is a proud reflection on the esteem of the local Jewish community and B'nai B'rith that Moe Closs should be chosen as the first Award of Merit honoree in Windsor."

Dinner proceeds will help support BB's Canadian programs including the BB Youth Organization, university campuses' Hillel groups, the Institute for International Afairs, and the League for Human Rights.

Closs, 60, began his career in auto manufacturing in 1945. He became Chrysler Canada's president and chief executive officer in 1980, and was elected vice-president of Chrysler Corp. in 1981.

He is also a director of Union Enterprises Ltd., Central Trust Company, Chrysler Credit Canada Ltd. and Chrysler Life Insurance Company of Canada.

The Windsor industrialist and his wife, Miki, are members of the Beach Grove Golf and Country Club.

The Award of Merit is presented to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to Canadian society.

Previous honorees include Senator Guy Charbonneau, Senate Speaker; Bernard Lamarre, president and chief executive officer of Lavalin Inc.; former Ontario Premier William Davis; George Cohon, MacDonalds Canada's president; late advertising executive Harry (Red) Foster; former Lt. Governor Pauline McGibbon; and Alfred Powis, Noranda Mines chairman.

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Let's UJA Talk...

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A message from the Chairmen

Since this is the final column of the season, we are taking this opportunity to "talk UJA" directly to our fellow-campaigners and give you a recap of the past four months.

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From our vantage point, this has been a campaign of high expectations realized, along with personal gratification. We witnessed and were participants to one successful function following another.

Starting with the opening dinner in August, with writer and broadcast journalist **George Will** as guest speaker, we were off to a flying start with an attendance of 600, the largest yet for a UJA campaign opener.

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Super Sunday in mid-September was a day to remember. Six-hundred-and-fifty volunteers, spanning the generations, joined us in a "labor of love" and when it was all over, the campaign had taken in more than $1 million in 12 hours.

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Another highlight for us in September was the unforgettable and emotionally-charged breakfast gathering of 260 who came to hear **Natan Scharansky**, the symbol of courage and hope for Soviet Jewry.

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This has certainly been the "year of the Mission." Through UJA, more than 350 men and women had a privileged insiders' view of Israel and Israeli politics, starting with the first-ever Community Mission, followed by the Prime Minister's, Societies, Hineni Missions and Major Gifts Mini-Mission. There was also an action-filled day in Washington and, finally, Women's Campaign two-day New York Mission.

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This campaign has benefitted from the seeds of re-organization sown last year by the leadership. The result — already-established divisions were revitalized, and a number of key new divisions were formed.

And when it comes to a smooth-running operation, you can't beat Women's Campaign. A new Top Gifts Division was inaugurated as this year's opening function. This new high-level category speaks volumes for the incredible headway made over the past several years in awareness of the need for responsible giving by women.

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Above all, the 1988 campaign has been one of innovation and outreach as we brought into the UJA sphere new divisions that represent youth and the future of this organization. The new divisions are the New Leadership Council, Young Executives & Professionals and Young Health Professionals. Together with the already-existing Young Accountants and Young Lawyers divisions, we have a vitally-active Student campaign, all of which assures continuity, participation and true sense of belonging in the Jewish community for our young people.

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Back in May when we gathered at the Bradgate Arms for the first get-together of the 1988 divisional leadership, the signs clearly indicated that this was to be an exceptional campaign. Call it "vibes" or just the overall excitement generated at that early date by the phenomenal attendance and overriding enthusiasm that had taken hold.

That energy never diminished in the busy months that followed, and last week as we prepared for the closing function, tangible evidence was in hand to verify in no uncertain terms, that this has indeed been a truly outstanding effort.

As 1988 Campaign Co-chairmen, we are filled with an overwhelming sense of pride and gratitude. Pride in this very special community of which we are a part, and deep gratitude to our **two thousand** fellow-campaigners who worked with us for months, coming out to meetings, canvassing, participating in telethon after telethon — doing all that is necessary to make the difference between **good** and **outstanding** results.

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If we have learned anything during these past months, it is that UJA people are a special breed. The men and women we've had the privilege to work alongside, fully understand that **UJA primacy must be inviolate**. They know that no other fundraising enterprise in the Jewish community addresses the needs of so many, in so many different ways, and is so far-reaching.

In a year without war or overt crisis, the members of Toronto's Jewish community showed their maturity: they understood that Jewish human need has been and always will be what UJA is all about.

When we speak of a "special breed," the people who immediately come to mind are the tireless, totally-dedicated members of the UJA staff. They backed us up and spurred us on throughout our campaign term. We're deeply grateful to each and every one of them.

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Although we have ample reason to celebrate, for those of us involved in the 1988 campaign, the task is not done by any means. There is still unfinished business to clear up — uncompleted cards and prospective contributors yet to be contacted — before the "last hurrah."

In the meantime, it is definitely not too soon to thank you all, our co-workers and generous contributors, for making the 1988 campaign such a wonderfully memorable experience for both of us.

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Harold Lederman — Gerald Sheff

Harold Lederman — **Gerald Sheff**

1988 Campaign Co-chairmen

Organizations and People

Temple symbolism reflected in the chanukiah

By
FRED WEINBERG

TORONTO —

The miracle of Chanukah took place in the Holy Temple in Jerusalem. It would be reasonable then to expect that Chanukah lamps (chanukiahs) with backwalls used to celebrate the festival of the rededication of the Temple would reflect in their design architectural motifs reminding us of its pillars and portals.

However, since there were no sources from which Jewish artisans could define the forms of Chanukah lamps in the Ashkenazi, Sephardi and Yemenite communities, the craftsmen, often non-Jewish, gave free reign to their imaginations and were influenced by their immediate surroundings.

For this reason we find local architectural motifs in the backwall that reflect the country and the style of buildings in which the Jews lived.

The very first instance of using Temple architectural symbols is to be seen on Bar Kokhba coins from the year 135 CE which show the facade of the Temple and bear the inscription "Jerusalem." The Temple became an important Jewish symbol and is reflected in a varied and significant manner in the chanukiah.

It is likely that the decorated chanukiah of modern times had its origin in the simple clay lamps of the Greek and Roman period. These were used everywhere throughout the Mediterranean world and many have been found in Middle Eastern excavations.

Some of these chanukiahs were made of clay, stone or bronze, and had eight openings for wicks that were fed by a central reservoir and had on them Jewish symbols such as the menorah.

The chanukiah with a backwall began amongst the Jews of Spain and the oldest one known today dates from the 13th century and was discovered in the south of France.

It is very much like one shown in our illustration which has Gothic windows, quatrefoils and arched colonnades. That bronze chanukiah is from the south of France or Italy, 14th century, and clearly shows the Gothic influence as is seen in the Duomo San Rufino in Assisi, Italy.

The Spanish Jews who became refugees and fled to Eastern Europe during the 16th century introduced the backwalled chanukiah to the East. The Polish Jews added legs to their lamps in order to place them on the windowsill or on a table during the lighting ceremony.

Most of the chanukiahs seen in most Canadian Jewish homes are 19th century or early 20th century and come from Eastern Europe. They all show a baroque facade and sometimes even trees on each side. In some, the buildings that show up on the backwall look like the wooden synagogues of Poland.

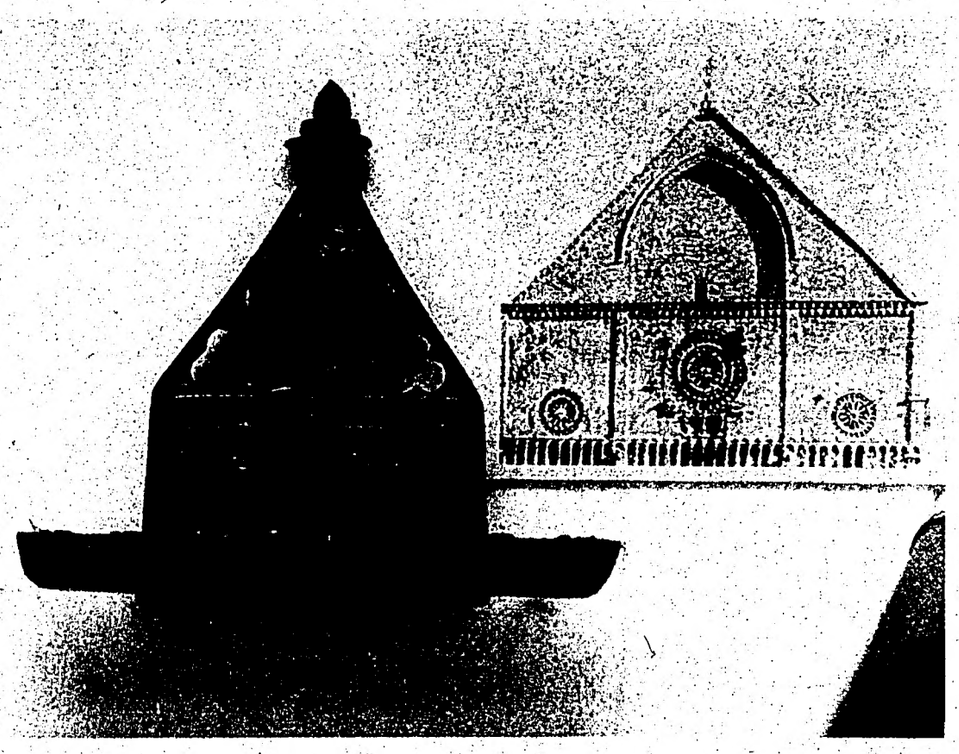
In addition to external architectural motifs, occasionally chanukiahs are made in the form of furniture. Most frequently seen are lamps from the 19th century from Germany and Poland in the form of little chairs. Sometimes these chairs are made out of a lead motif and a chair was added each day of the festival and the seat of the chair had the well for the oil.

Sephardi chanukiahs, many coming from North Africa, have architectural features reminiscent of buildings from that part of the world and so we see mosque-like domes and ornamental floral motifs on Moroccan lamps. Birds are also seen surmounting many Oriental chanukiahs.

The column seems to be an important element in the architecture of chanukiahs because the Jerusalem Temple had two important pillars known as Jachin and Boaz. Sometimes the pillars were free-standing and other times supported a balcony and a stylized rounded area which in the original building housed a clock.

Occasionally a shofar, menorah, or other Jewish symbol was incorporated into the design. Sometimes the architectural influences were mixed because of the wanderings of the Jews to different countries resulting in various design-style combinations.

And so because of the importance of the Temple as a focus of Jewish worship throughout the ages, arches, gateways, windows, balconies, towers and columns are often depicted on chanukiahs as symbols of the undying hearkening back to the first Chanukah and the rededication of the Temple of Jerusalem.



A 14th century chanukiah from the south of France or Italy with great similarity to the Duomo San Rufino in Assisi, Italy. [Nathan Abramowitz photo]

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Organizations and People

Cornwall philanthropist David Kaye dies at 75

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

CORNWALL, Ont. — David Kaye, a community activist, fund raiser and philanthropist, died suddenly on Nov. 28. He was 75.

Kaye, a leading figure in the small close-knit Jewish community here, will always be remembered for his warm, outgoing personality and trademark telephone greeting of "God loves you."

He devoted much of his life to helping raise funds for Jewish causes. He was also involved in charitable work in the general Cornwall community and actively promoted cooperation among all faiths.

Every New Year's he and his wife, Rose, would donate goodies including chocolates, cakes and cookies to hospital patients in Cornwall.

At Christmas time, Kaye — who for many years successfully ran the Fit-Rite and Booty Shoe chain stores with brother, Sol — would donate shoes to needy Christian youngsters.

"He was loved by everybody," says his wife.

Edmond Lipsitz, executive director of the Ontario Region of Canadian Jewish Congress in Toronto, says he was shocked to hear of Kaye's death.

"He was a very warm person and very much had in mind the interest of Jewish people, both locally and nationally. It was very close to his heart."

Catholic Bishop Eugene LaRocque, of the Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall, said Kaye, a long-time friend, promoted cooperation between faiths, inviting him to Passover dinners at his home.

Kaye, a Yeshiva scholar and non-practicing rabbi, also taught him many things about religion, LaRocque added.

"David was a very learned man and what struck me was his jovial approach to the Almighty. He would always answer the phone and instead of saying, 'Hello,' he'd say 'God loves you.'"

"And even though he knew he was sick and his days were numbered, he'd say, 'I'm ready to go, but the Lord doesn't have to come too soon."

Other community members described Kaye as extremely influential in Cornwall's Jewish community, helping its approximately 35 families remain vibrant and cohesive.

An honorary president of the Beth-El Synagogue, he was the congregation's key organizer. He helped find many guest rabbis and cantors to lead High Holiday services and other special occasions at Beth-El, which had no rabbi of its own.

Born in Palestine in 1912, Kaye moved as a child with his family to Poland where his father, a rabbi, took a posting.

Kaye later emigrated to Canada and after spending time in Toronto and other communities, moved to Cornwall in 1934.

Kaye served as president and treasurer of the Cornwall Jewish Community for many years. He was on the Board of Family Counselling and was recently made an Honorary member of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch No. 297.

Kaye was also a board member of the Organization for Educational Research and Technical Training, a director of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Cornwall's campaign chairman for the United Jewish Appeal and State of Israel Bonds.

He also served as chaplain of the local Cornwall hospitals, was a charter member of B'nai B'rith Lodge No. 1188, the religious advisor to the Cornwall Jewish Community and sat on the Ecumenical Council.

As a result of a generous donation by Kaye, a plaque was recently erected at the Cornwall General Hospital in memory of members of his family who were killed in the Holocaust between 1939 and 1945.

A funeral service for Kaye was held recently at the Beth-El Synagogue. The service was conducted by Rabbi Michael Kramer.

Kaye is survived by his wife, whom he married in 1958, his sister Ethel Manor, of Israel, his sister-in-law Rae Kaye and many nieces and nephews.

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Organizations and People

Bonds pays tribute to its campaign organizers

Seen at Bonds "todah" reception are (from left) David Kosoy, Larry Waller, Seza Waller, David Frieberg and Bob Czinner.

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

TORONTO —
Leading campaign organizers for State of Israel Bonds were recently thanked for their work at a special "todah" (thank you) reception.

"Without your vim and vigor and enthusiasm Israel would not be where it is today," said David Kosoy, a past Toronto Bond campaign chairman.

Officials hope to reach $30 million (U.S.) in bond sales here this year, an increase of up to 20% from last year's sales of between $23 and $24 million (U.S.)

"If we reach it, it comes with the help and devotion of everyone in this room," Larry Waller, executive director of Canada-Israel Securities Ltd., told the crowd of about 90 at the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue.

The soaring sales will make Toronto number one or very close to number one on a per capita basis in raising funds for Israel, Waller said.

Kosoy praised the crowd — composed of Bond chairmen and officers of various congregations as well as Bond committee members — by likening Israel to a "wheel."

"With a flat tire it doesn't go. With a lot of spokes in the wheel it goes. With a weak spoke it falters.

"We are like one of the spokes in this wheel and all of these spokes make up a healthy Israel," Kosoy said.

"This community has always been a very strong and healthy spoke. We've been here for Israel when it needed it. And we've been here for Israel when it hasn't needed it — which is just as important."

Each Bond campaign organizer was given a framed personalized certificate in appreciation of the work done this year.

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Minister favors converting, renovating homes

Hosek deals with need for affordable housing

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

Chaviva Hosek is no stranger to either political life or new challenges. However, as Ontario's new minister of housing, she must now deal with the critical need for more affordable housing and rental accommodation.

Hosek told The CJN that she hopes to deal with the latter problem through a number of "creative solutions" her ministry is currently working on such as supporting the use of existing housing for converstions and renovations to increase the supply of affordable housing.

She said that in the "old days" young people often took in boarders or rented out part of their homes to help make payments.

As well as the possible benefits to young people, Hosek said this could help elderly people who live in their own homes, but are cash poor.

"This would be useful right across the province," said Hosek, MPP for Oakwood. "We want to encourage it because it is a very intelligent way to go. It's a lot cheaper to take a great big house and turn it into apartments than to build something from scratch.

"We're going to work very closely with municipalities to bring about the kinds of changes that we foresee," she added. "Some of the directions that have been taken by Scarborough council recently in its proposal to look at the use of existing resources and some of the proposals by the City of Toronto were very much along the line of proposals we have made ourselves."

Hosek said her ministry is also committed to increasing the supply for affordable rental accommodation on the market. She said that while vacancy rates remain low, there have been 18,000 or 19,000 private rental units built since January, 1986.

Chaviva Hosek

"We're beginning to see the fruits of some of our previous policies begin to show and we're going to be working on strategies and approaches with the other key actors including municipalities and the private, non-profit sector and voluntary sectors."

The minister said the development of rental units at the upper end of the scale will eventually benefit those seeking units at the lower end. She said that when people move to these new higher-priced units, it will free up some of the rental accommodation at the lower end of the price scale.

Looking at the housing shortage Hosek said the problem often occurs in waves. She said the last one took place after World War II and the current one is the result of Ontario's booming economy. As a result, people are coming to Ontario from other parts of the country and migrating to Metro from other parts of the province.

Hosek said the new rent review legislation, which recognizes some of the financial costs associated with running an apartment building, will encourage development of rental buildings.

To protect existing rental units, Hosek said the Rental Housing Protection Act, which restricts the conversion of apartment buildings into condominiums, will probably be extended when it comes to an end next summer.

"It seems to me that we must protect the rental housing because of the problem with vacancy rates," Hosek said. "We're looking at either an extension of this bill or, more likely, how we can protect rental housing in the best way. There has to be enough rental housing to go around and at the moment there isn't. We will find a way to make sure it is protected."

While dealing with a variety of complex issues at the housing ministry, Hosek said she is finding political life "extremely fulfilling and challenging work.

"I find it interesting and very involving," she said. "There are a lot of issues that are much more complex then they appear on the surface."

Hosek, the daughter of Holocaust survivors who settled in Montreal, first gained a name for herself in the women's movement as a member of the Ontario Committee on the Status of Women in 1974 and president of the National Action Committee on the Status of Women (NAC) from 1984-1986.

In 1975, she was asked to chair the Women's Studies Program at the University of Toronto and from then on, she said, everyone started treating her as a feminist. From there she joined the Ontario Committee on the Status of Women where she learned how the political process operates between elections.

Prior to her election to the Ontario Legislature, Hosek was an associate professor of English at the U of T and a research partner at Gordon Capital Corporation specializing in pension-management systems.

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Hosek recently announced a $25 million land acquisition fund to help Ontario's non-profit housing developers.

The program will guarantee private-sector loans to help charitable groups secure land for housing.

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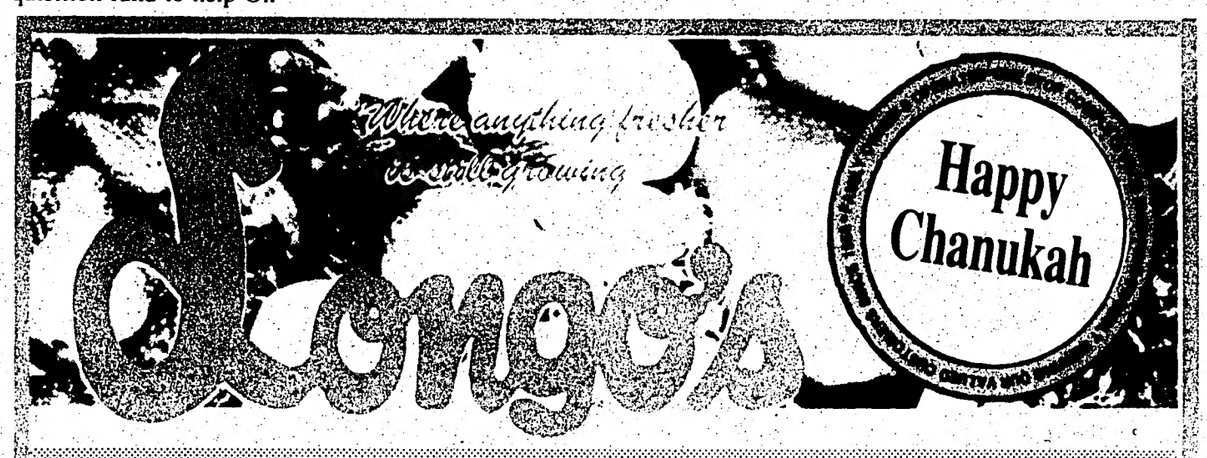

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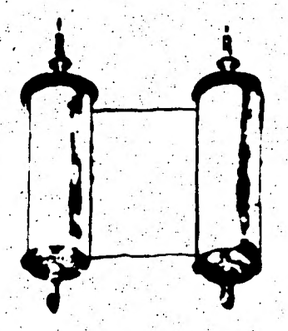

sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Parshat Meekaytz/Chanukah 5748

Where there is Torah, there is wisdom, there is holiness.

When Pharoah had a frightening dream of seven lean cows swallowing seven fat cows, and seven lean wheat stalks swallowing up seven fat stalks, Joseph was dragged out of prison and brought in to interpret.

Pharoah heard Joseph's imaginative interpretation and declared in astonishment: "After God has revealed to you all this, there is none so discreet and wise as you are!"

Immediately, Joseph was promoted to prime minister!

But how did Pharoah know that a young, inexperienced person like Joseph should be raised so high? Interpreting dreams is one thing. Running a nation is something else!

Explains the Shaar Bat Rabim: In the time of the brilliant Nodah bi'Yehudah there were two wealthy men who lived next door to each other. A wandering minstrel passed by and played in front of their homes.

Immediately, a wild dispute developed between the two titans. "He's playing for my sake!" boasted one. "No, it's in my honor!" argued the other.

Such was their wild and crazy nature, that they placed a heavy bet between them — who had the minstrel played for?

They went to the Nodah bi'Yehudah, presented their cases — and the Nodah bi'Yehudah rendered his decision. As a reward, they gave a large honorarium.

After they left, the Nodah bi'Yehudah said: "They don't understand. The minstrel didn't come for any of them — but for my sake — so I could earn a fee for being judge!"

So also — continues the Shaar Bat Rabim — when Pharoah heard that the dream was a warning to appoint a wise leader, he realized that the dream wasn't for his sake, but for Joseph's!

The Almighty always has His own plans. Sometimes this or that happens, and we say: "It's for this reason, that reason. This is good, this is bad." How do we know what's good, what's bad? When in the end, the Almighty may want to bring a great blessing into our lives, or to someone connected with us!

Everything that happens is good — we just must find the good in it, the light.

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Comments the brillianat Simcha Zisel of Kelm: Pharoah lifted Joseph so high because he saw that he had true *Yirat Shomayim*, awe of Heaven, and a person who is truly observant and meticulous in his faith must be wise as well.

Torah does not end with books, in the house of study. Yirat shomayim has to color everything we touch, every act we do. We have to pray like Jews; we have to go to the super market like Jews. We have to pay our bills like Jews, we have to speak to the bus driver, and the policeman who stops us for speeding, like Jews. We have to pay taxes like Jews. We have to treat each other like Jews.

Taught Rebbe Nachman of Breslov: Every step I take, I am walking to Eretz Yisrael.

Every step a Jew takes, he is walking in shul; every word a Jew speaks, must be Judaism in action.

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A baal teshuvah (penitent) came to Rabbi Raphael of Borchard, crying: had he truly washed away his transgressions?

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Acting the roles of Soviet bureaucrat and Refusenik, respectively, U of T students Paul Goldbach, 19, (left) stamps "refused" on 18-year-old Zeev Diena's application.

Keep promises, Gorbachev told

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

TORONTO — Canadian Jewish students have urged Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to reform his emigration system.

At a recent news conference, members of the North American Jewish Students' Network-Canada demanded that Gorbachev allow cancer patients to seek vital treatment in the West.

They also asked him to cease harassing Soviet Jews for expressing their beliefs and to raise immigration to at least the 1979 level of 51,000.

"If you are truly desirous of establishing a mood of peace and trust between East and West then demonstrate to us your sincerity by living up to your human rights commitments," said Eliza Belman, Network's national Soviet Jewry task force chairman.

"Prove to us that real change has occurred in the Soviet Union by letting our people go."

Network, an independent North American students' organization, represents about 30,000 Jewish university students and young adults in Canada and a total of 400,000 in North America. Network is part of a larger group called the World Union of Jewish Students.

During the news conference at University of Toronto's Hart House, a mock open house was held of the "Soviet Department of Refusal of Exit Visas."

Students representing Refuseniks lined up alongside a mock Soviet bureaucrat's desk piled high with rejected files.

The students — from U of T, York University and Toronto area high schools — held signs bearing numbers such as "244,810" and "315,266." A sign next to the desk read "now serving 43."

As each student approached the desk and explained their case, U of T student Paul Goldbach, who played the Soviet official, stamped their exit visa requests "refused."

"This line-up represents the 400,000 Jews who have attempted to emigrate from the Soviet Union since the late 1960s and are still waiting," Belman told members of the media.

"Gorbachev has released less than 8,000 Soviet Jews this year. At this rate it will be over 50 years before the line-up ends."

But Gorbachev has the power to change the oppression of Soviet Jews, claimed the U of T arts student.

"With little more than a stroke of a pen, Gorbachev can raise emigration levels significantly to reunite families and allow cancer patients to get treatment in the West."

"It is Gorbachev who is responsible for those trapped behind the Iron Curtain. It is Gorbachev who places the final stamp of refusal upon the file of Soviet Jewry.

"It is Gorbachev who imprisons this man and 400,000 like him," Belman said, pointing to one of the representative Refuseniks approaching the Soviet bureaucrat's desk.

Belman, 18, said glasnost has not affected human rights in the Soviet Union.

"This so-called policy of openness has not opened the gates to freedom for Soviet Jews. In fact, in some ways conditions have worsened."

Other speakers at the news conference included Allen Braude, Network's Ontario representative; Jack Gilud, national chairman of the North American High School Organization Network, which is Network's high school affiliate; and former Refusenik Ilya Dumov, who took time off from his hospital research job to attend the event.

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At the groundbreaking ceremony for the extension of the USDS Bayview Campus are (from left) Tom Lobel, student representative Leslie Gordon, Shirley Worth, Norm Gardner and Rabbi Aaron Nussbaum.

Construction began in summer

USDS celebrates addition

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

The cold and blustery weather could not quench the exuberance recently of the nearly 100 parents, staff, students and supporters of United Synagogue Day School as ground was broken, ceremonially at least, for the extension to the school's Bayview campus.

"Ceremonially," because, as program chairman Dr. Cynthia Wyman explained, response to their fund raising efforts was so good that they were able to actually start construction over the summer. "But we felt the event was so historic we had to celebrate," she said.

Shirley Worth, president of USDS, confessing "I wasn't prepared for how emotional I would feel," spoke of the tremendous support of the whole USDS "family," which, she said, was enabling them to double the capacity of the Bayview campus.

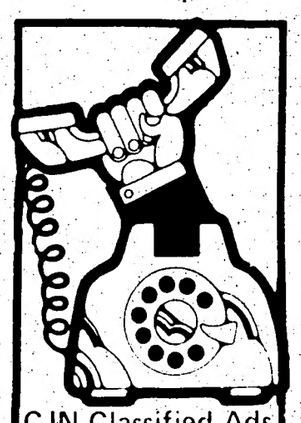
After the groundbreaking by Worth, and fund raising chairman Tom Lobel, North York controller Norman Gardner (who brought greetings from Mayor Mel Lastman), executive director Rabbi Aaron Nussbaum, and student representative Leslie Gordon, blue and white balloons were released by cheering students.

Retreating to the warmth of Beth Tikvah Synagogue, the host congregation, greetings were brought from Herman Gottesman, president of the United Synagogue of America, Ontario Region; Charles Diamond, chairman, Toronto Jewish Congress Social Planning Committee; Rabbi Irwin Witty, executive director, Board of Jewish Education; and Michelle Weill, president of the USDS Jr. High School on Bathurst St.

Rabbi Philip Scheim gave a brief Torah dissertation and brought congratulations from the Ontario Region of the Rabbinical Assembly.

Songs and dances by students from grade 4 and up topped off the morning's events. Especially popular was a skit by the grade 9 class in which the hard-bitten editor of The Canadian Jewish News, after sending his ace reporter off to write an expose about the real USDS, demands offhandedly "By the way, what is a USDS?" It brought down the house.

In his closing remarks, Dr. Ira Schecter, chairman of the USDS board of directors, said the Bayview expansion was part of a program of growth for the schools, which includes redecoration of the Bathurst campus, and groundbreaking for a new branch of Shaarei Haim Congregation's new location in Richmond Hill, which will take place soon.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New code but lack of resources

Purcell leaves rights agency with mixed feelings

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

After serving on the Ontario Human Rights Commission for the past 10 years — the past six as chairman — Canon Borden Purcell is leaving the government agency with a mixture of satisfaction and regret.

Purcell told The Canadian Jewish News that the past six years has been a very exciting and frustrating time for him — exciting because of the vast expansion of rights for the handicapped and disabled introduced in the new Ontario Human Rights Code in 1982 and frustrating because of the commission's lack of resources to handle the influx of complaints.

"My chairmanship started with the new code," Purcell explained. "My job was to get out and take the new code and put a human face on it. In the first two years I was on the road all the time."

As a result, Purcell said expectations rose and the commission became unable to handle all the complaints and the large number of requests for educational projects. At the same time, a mini-recession caused the provincial government to cut back and prevented the agency from getting needed to meet its demands.

Despite the backlogs, Purcell said he is delighted that Ontario has been in the forefront of human rights legislation and concerns and hopes his successor continues to make the province a leader in human rights.

Purcell's successor will be 32-year-old lawyer Raj Anand. Born in New Delhi, India, his specialties are human rights, labor and litigation law. He has published several acticles on the rights of the disabled and has lectured at Osgoode Hall's bar admission course. Anand takes over as chairman next month.

Purcell said the new chairman's first major challenge will be to "fight" systemic discrimination. He said that while the commission should continue dealing with individual complaints, the backlog will be never ending unless systemic discrimination is attacked.

(Systemic discrimination results when the ultimate effect of a system's rule and regulations is discriminatory practices. An example of this are the height and weight restrictions which prevent most women from joining police forces.)

Purcell said that if he has one disappointment, it is that the commission was unable to implement its plan to fight such discrimination in the past couple of years. However, he said the OHRC is committed and ready to do so and a plan of action has been formulated.

As well as dealing with systemic discrimination, Purcell said the commission will require more people and money to handle the backlog of human rights cases.

Purcell said that the largest number of complaints the commission deals with involve discrimination against the disabled and handicapped. While the provincial government strengthened protection for such groups in the Ontario Human Rights Code a year ago, he said the new provisions have not been enacted into law.

"Disabled people don't want special privileges, they simply want the opportunity to have their own dignity and an opportunity of equal treatment," Purcell said, adding that he has been working with Remo Mancini, minister responsible for disabled persons, to improve accessibility for the disabled.

To further help groups who face discrimination, Purcell said it might be necessary to introduce employment equity legislation to reflect the ethnic mix of the community in the workforce.

"We've tried the education route and voluntary compliance, employment equity is the next important step," he said.

While he won't be around to see such changes, Purcell said he hopes to keep working in the field fighting for human rights and the dignity of different groups that need protection. As well, he said he still has his work as an Anglican priest.

"I have enjoyed the personal satisfaction of being in a position to make a difference," Purcell said. "Being in a position of authority and having this job has given me the opportunity to make an impact in a big way on the province of Ontario."

Purcell said he was pleased to have been able to play a part in the Canadian human rights movement as chairman of the Canadian Association of Statutory Human Rights Agencies for the past two years (he also served as vice-chairman for two years) and to view human rights from a global perspective.

Canon Borden Purcell

He said he views human rights as a global issue and that the dimunition of rights anyplace in the world impacts on society as a whole.

Purcell, a founding member of the Interfaith Council of Soviet Jewry, had the opportunity to visit the Soviet Union in 1984 with then Ontario Liberal leader Robert Nixon and a Canadian delegation. While there he met with Refuseniks and brought them "all sorts of goodies such as kosher wine and things for religious festival."

Despite the recent signs of a breakthrough in increased emigration for some "well-known" Refuseniks, Purcell said there is still a long fight to go.

"The worst thing in the world would be to ease off and not keep the Soviet Jewry concern right up there in front of people," Purcell said, adding that while he was unable to join the recent demonstration in Washington, he was pleased by the great turnout.

Tourist status for North York?

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

North York city council was to have decided earlier this week, after The CJN went to press, whether to take the first step towards declaring the city a tourist area open for business on Sunday.

A motion to make North York exempt from the Sunday closing provisions of the Ontario Retail Business Holidays Act was presented by Mayor Mel Lastman in the aftermath of the province's recent announcement leaving it up to each municipality to determine compliance with Sunday closing laws (CJN Dec. 3).

According to Sheila White, a spokesperson for Lastman's office, public hearings on the motion will be held if council adopts the motion.

She speculated the motion could be passed as early as February despite opposition from a number of councillors. It could take effect in a matter of weeks afterwards.

The motion states compliance with the bylaw will be "completely voluntary," adding "no employee shall be forced to work and no store shall be forced to open on Sunday."

One of the main criticisms of the move to Sunday retail opening is that employees who normally get the day off would be compelled to work, impinging on family life.

Critics contend that legislation prohibiting employer coercion cannot guard against subtle pressures to work and it would be near impossible to attribute non-promotions and subsequent dismissals to refusal to work Sundays.

Under the motion tabled by Lastman, "employees who work Sunday will be paid time and a half," and there will be "$20,000 fines every time any store owner forces a store to open or forces and employee to work."

White called the motion "the quickest way to bring Sunday shopping" to North York, pending anticipated changes in provincial law allowing municipalities to choose whether to allow Sunday opening.

North York, she said, will hold a plebiscite in the 1988 municipal election to determine whether to make Sunday shopping permanent, after residents get "a taste of how it works."

White said the mayor's office had received calls on both sides of the issues, with consumers often in favor of it and others expressing concern they would be forced to work.

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Canadian Weizmann Society symposium

Opinions differ on laser's utilization in science

By
PHIL FINE

TORONTO —
There was both praise and scorn at a recent public symposium at the Ontario Science Centre for the way in which science is using lasers.

A packed audience at the Centre's theatre applauded when a panel of scientists told how lasers have resulted in both medical and scientific break throughs.

But a few members of the same audience grilled three of the panelists about the uses of lasers in weapons development--particularly in research on Star Wars.

The symposium was sponsored by the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science. David Schatzky, host of CBC Toronto's Radio Noon, served as moderator.

Most of the questions at the symposium were directed at John Hammond, a scientist involved in Star Wars research at the Pentagon, and at Ken Peebles, a weapons researcher with Canada's department of national defence.

Both men spoke at length on the use of lasers in weaponry: Peebles, on the use of laser devices to help soldiers measure the distance between themselves and their targets; Hammond, on the actual design of a Star Wars defence system.

Harold Kandel of North York asked Hammond if he was aware that Prof. David Parnus, now at Queen's University, had walked out on Star Wars research, saying that it was impractical.

"Moral question"

Hammond replied that a scientist with American Telephone and Telegraph has said that Star Wars is practical.

Kandel responded that Star Wars research was a "moral question".

Peebles was asked by Schatzky if there wasn't a danger from nuclear fallout if nuclear missiles were shot down shortly after take-off by Star Wars lasers. Peebles said he wasn't a nuclear missile expert and, because of this, he couldn't answer Shatzky's question.

Hammond then allowed that it was tactically wise to try to destroy a missile shortly after take-off because fallout would come down over enemy or, as he noted, Soviet territory.

Earlier, the audience listened to an explanation by panelist Dr. Mark Mandelcorn of Toronto's Mount Sinai Hospital of the uses of lasers in eye surgery.

Jennifer Ramsay, a reporter with Toronto radio station CKLN, asked Mandelcorn if it wouldn't be better to channel money directly into medical research instead of trying to find medical applications of lasers from research on weapons systems like Star Wars.

Mandelcorn, to loud applause, told Ramsay that everyone had a responsibility to ensure that "all this wonderful technology" as he called it was used for peaceful purposes.

But, he added, he was much happier knowing that such technology, including Star Wars research, was in the hands of what he called "Western civilization with its democratic freedom" than in a country like Libya.

In the meantime, he continued, the West had to preserve peace and if that meant putting up a strong defence from which society could get medical spinoffs, that, he said, "was all to the good."

Earlier, at a press conference, the dilemma of using laser research for weapons development was put to the fourth panelist, Prof. Moshe Shapiro, of the Chemical Physics Department at the Weizmann Institute.

Panelists at Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute symposium (from left) John Hammond, Ken Peebles, Prof. Moshe Shapiro and Dr. Mark Mandelcorn.

Shapiro, who has been working at the University of Toronto's Chemistry Department for the past few months, told a reporter that scientists by themselves do not create evil but that politicians often turn scientific developments to evil ends. It was almost impossible, he added, to stop research or put an end to the accumulation of knowledge.

Shapiro noted that so far laser technology has not been used to kill people. He admitted there were military applications of his own work with lasers but said he himself is not involved in such research. The Weizmann scientist has studied how lasers, by "navigating" chemical reactions, can produce expensive medicines.

Of all the panelists' presentations, Mandelcorn's received the loudest applause. The audience sat awe-struck as he used both slides and a color film to show how a laser, by punching a hole in the iris, can restore sight to someone who has had a cataract removed from his eye.

By eliminating the need for actually cutting into the eye with a knife, lasers, Mandelcorn said, have made what was once a risky operation a relatively safe procedure.

The audience also listened intently as he explained how lasers can make repeated operations unnecessary for those diabetics who develop a detached retina. Diabetes is the most common cause of blindness.

Lasers, Mandelcorn explained, by eliminating the need for incisions, have reduced the amount of bleeding in surgery.

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Fashion

Traditional style updated

Variety and versatility are key words in career fashions for women this season. Styles range from tailored to dressy, with exciting new treatments added to both.

Hemlines range from long to short, with some above the knees. Colors are rich and earthy. And textures are found in everything, from fabrics to footwear.

"Two popular dress styles this season are the tailored one piece new 'suit dress' and the dressier, lace-collared AM/PM dress," explains Janice Gibney, a buying vice-president of Susie's, a nationwide women's career dressing retail chain.

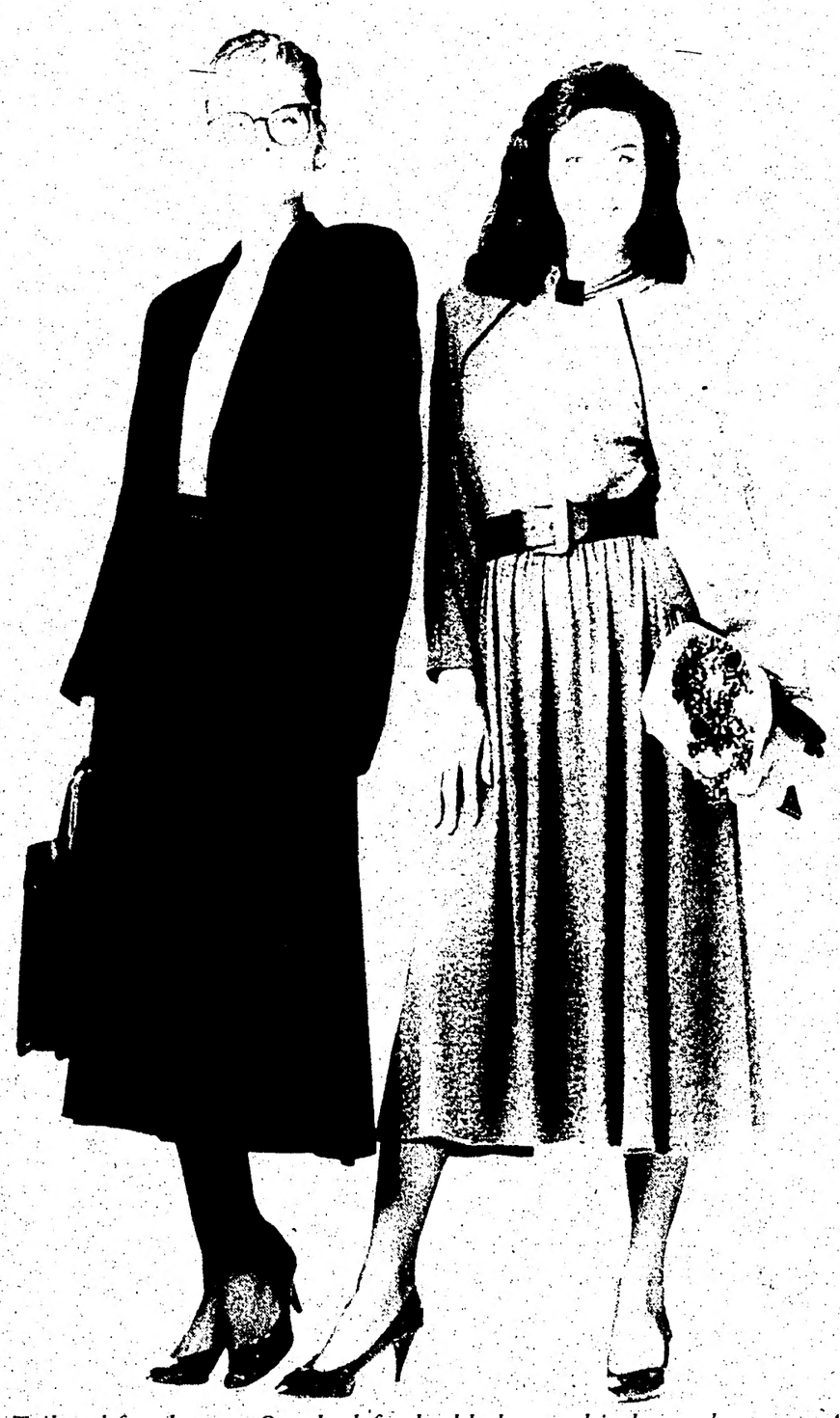
"The one piece 'suit dress' spices up the traditional look with a feminine peplum treatment at the hip.

"The AM/PM lace collar is a very versatile dress because it can be worn to work and it's dressy enough to wear after hours."

Footwear, as well as dresses, comes in a variety of earthy colors and textures this season. "Black will be an important color in women's pumps this season," says Bill Wyatt, women's buyer at Kinney Shoes.

"And the new textures such as the reptile prints help to keep black shoes looking fresh. Bows and woven treatments also add texture and style to traditional pumps."

This season, career dressing will truly be an individual experience with the variety of colors, styles and textures available in dresses, accessories and footwear.



Tailored for the top. On the left, double breasted jacket and separate A-line skirt, right, ladies grey knit dress. Both outfits available at Marks & Spencer.

Sewing system developed

RAMAT GAN — Ernst Wodak, chairman of the board of the Shenkar College of Textile Technology and Fashion and president of Adereth Enterprises, announced that the institute has completed an agreement with Aerobit Industries licencing them to manufacture the Flexible Automatic Sewing System based on Shenkar designs.

Aerobit, an Israeli firm affiliated with LSB Industries in the United States, designs and produces specialized robot systems. They will manufacture the integrated system of robotics and computerized controllers developed in the college's Grossman Laboratory for Research and Development.

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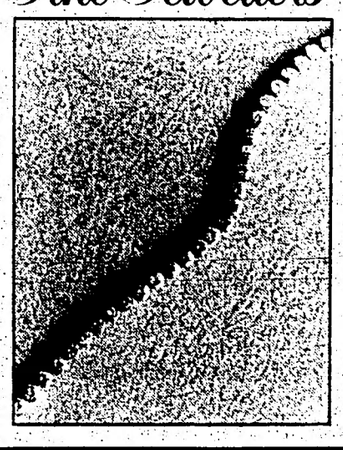

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Mall's retailers strut their clothes

By
LORI SMITH

Sherway Gardens celebrated the completion of its third development phase with an opening day ceremony and a fashion show aptly titled A Glimpse into The Future.

The Etobicoke shopping mall's Avenue of Fashion is anchored by a 22,000 square foot Holt Renfrew store and includes 18 other new retailers.

Jim Hedrich, vice-president and general manager of Sherway Gardens, says that the centre has been actively attracting the finest collection of fashion merchants in the city.

Several of the new stores represent retailers who have chosen Sherway as either their first Toronto location or their first westend location. These include Laurel, Koala Blue, Pino Carina, Rodier and Xanthe. Other stores on the avenue are Anthony Saks, Bikini Village, Braddock Optical, Costolloe, Danier, Fenzi, Jacob Jr., La Foret, Laura Ashley, Raphael Jewellers, Stefanel and 9 West.

Glimpse Into The Future highlighted this season's fashions from a number of the centre's retailers.

The show began with a sportswear group from Holt Renfrew that featured long, tiered denim skirts layered over red and royal blue separates. An unusual jean jacket had heavy cardigan detail and, without exception, waists were adorned with wide leather belts.

One of the season's most fashionable looks from the retailers in Sherway Gardens new avenue of fashion.

Koala Blue, a store which carries Australian funwear made famous by its owner Olivia Newton-John, showed short tiered and ruffled skirts in acid washed denim and black and white striped ensembles paired with red knit mock turtlenecks.

Holt Renfrew then presented leather suits by Marquis and Jean Claude Poitras. Here skirts were invariably short and straight and jackets fitted and belted at the waist. Smooth and textured leathers were used together and animal prints were also incorporated into a few of the garments.

This street-smart styling was juxtaposed by Laura Ashley's collection of romantic, folkloric skirts and sweaters. Rose, purple, blue, gold and green shades dominated the group which included long, yoked skirts and cozy, oversized sweaters.

Laurel of West Germany, who opened their first Ontario store at the centre, presented a selection of knit garments in brown and turquoise with black details. Here long skirts were teamed with flowing long sweater coats — an excellent alternative to the season's shorter styles.

Lipton's showed longer looks with Russian-influenced fit and flare styling. One black coat had a leopard print collar and cuffs while a fitted black dress had folkloric embroidery on the waist.

Danier presented teal and black suede evening dresses. These body-hugging designs included a teal dress with cutout back, leather midriff hip wrap and small peplum.

The finale of the show consisted of a selection of eveningwear from Holt Renfrew. Black and green are the season's most popular colors and Dior New Look-inspired designs are prevalent.

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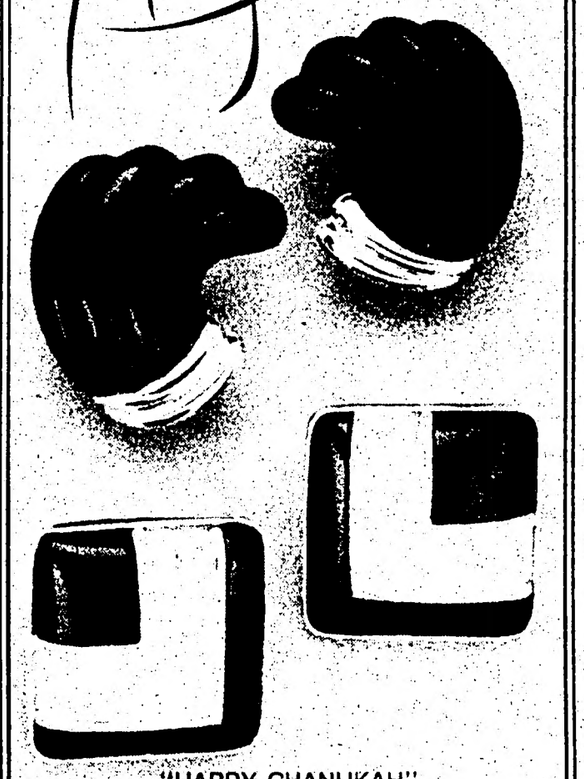
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Designers to compete for award

The Wool Bureau of Canada has announced the launch of the 1988 Woolmark Award.

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"We want to provide an opportunity every year for Canada's top design talent to be placed in the spotlight and recognized for its talent and achievements," said Ross Henry, president of The Wool Bureau.

Marty Feix, president of Your Choice stores, added, "We're proud to support Canada's fashion industry and to demonstrate to the public, with this award program, that Canadian designers are absolutely world class."

A distinguished panel of judges will select 10 finalists who will be invited to produce a coordinated Woolmark wardrobe March 23 at the Festival of Canadian Fashion's gala opening night.

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Fashion

Focus on foreign investment

Israel has new fashion industry role

By
GREER FAY CASHMAN

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

Israel's textile and fashion industry has suddenly become an important focus for foreign investment.

Americans, aware that there are lower levies on Israeli exports to the European Community, perceive Israel as a stepping stone to European markets, while European manufacturers, seeking the same kind of easy access to the lucrative American market, are similarly keen on using Israel as a conduit.

More recently, East Asians trading in textiles and fashions have come to see Israel as a means of bypassing the stringent quotas imposed by the United States on imports from the Far East and Third World countries.

By setting up production plants in Israel, foreign investors can take full advantage of diminishing-tariff and no-tariff agreements which Israel has with the United States under the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) and with the European Community.

In addition to the fact that Israel is not subject to textile quotas, foreign companies which set up operations in Israel also benefit from incentives which the government offers newly approved enterprises, as well as the shekel's 60 per cent linkage to the dollar.

That protects them from the currency fluctuations, which have boosted the cost of imports to the United States, especially from Western Europe.

Hannah Weiss, deputy director of the Textiles and Light Industry Division at the ministry of industry and trade, recently visited Israel's major production plants to demonstrate Israel's production capacities to representatives of a large South Korean trading company.

The South Koreans — the second South Korean group to inspect Israeli facilities — are keen to manufacture both knitted and woven garments in Israel.

Even in Hong Kong, where cheap labor and low taxes enable manufacturers to produce finished goods that find their way to almost every international market, there is more than a passing interest in establishing an operational centre in Israel.

The Hong Kong connection, if it is consummated, could be of huge economic significance.

Of China's $7.5 billion worth of textile and fashion exports last year, $2 billion went to America. But the U.S. has cracked down on imports from China, like other Far Eastern countries, a problem that could be overcome by finishing the garments in Israel and thus circumventing the U.S. quota on Chinese goods.

As much of the work in China is contracted by Hong Kong firms, diplomatic ties (or the lack of them) pose no problem.

An Israel-China connection is many years away. But investments from South Korea are at hand.

According to Weiss, the South Korean delegation is willing to open a plant that employs between 500 and 600 people. They are not fussy about the location; all they want is an assurance of a large and reliable work-force.

How much are they prepared to invest? The answer to that question is really contingent on the nature of the operation.

Still undecided about whether to launch a fully vertical set-up or whether to enter into a joint venture with an established Israeli company familiar with local bureaucratic pitfalls, the South Koreans are currently analyzing the data that they accumulated during their survey mission.

No less interested in exporting to America via Israel is Escada, a West German fashion concern which believes it can improve profitability by manufacturing in Israel and exporting to the U.S. and other European Community states.

Escada is one of several West German companies exploring investment opportunities in Israel. In addition, there have also been feelers from French and Belgian interests, says Weiss.

Trend to continue

Investment in new and expanded fashion and textile factories — and the expansion of existing plants — amounted to $52 million last year, a 65% increase over the previous year.

Most of the capital, Weiss says, came from the U.S.

Given the growing strength since the second quarter of 1985 of European currencies against the American dollar, Weiss is confident that the growth trend in fashion and textile investment will continue.

Economists will look back on 1985 as the turning point in Israel's textile and fashion industry. After four lean years in which exports suffered a downward spin, there was a welcome upswing as European economies set out on the road to recovery. It was also the year Israel's Free Trade Agreement with the U.S. came into effect.

Exports in textiles and fashion last year (including leatherwear) totalled $476 million, more than 20 per cent higher than figures — $382 million — achieved in 1985.

Fashion goods alone in 1985 accounted for $258 million worth of exports, rising to $328 million last year. The gains have continued this year, with $31 million worth of fashion exports recorded from January to March.

A 24% increase is expected by the time the last order is signed for the current fiscal year. Together with textiles, that will bring exports to $570 million this year.

Sixty-eight per cent of fashion exports are sold to Western Europe and 24.5% to the United States.

The Polgat Group, Israel's largest company in the textile sector, will alone chalk up around $100 million in exports by the end of this year, a slight increase over last year's totals, but an $18 million leap over those of 1985.

The Polgat companies, together with Israel image fashion houses Goftex and Gideon Oberson, were conspicuously absent from the list of 51 participants in Israel Fashion Week in Jerusalem last month.

The truth is that none of these companies do sufficient business at Fashion Week to justify their participation. Their orders are in hand far in advance of Fashion Week.

But not all the veterans have abandoned the ship. Companies such as Niba, Dorina, Gabi Model, Lodzia and Helen Knits are holding the fort and providing a support system for young newcomers who, having barely made their debut on the domestic market, are already examining the export market.

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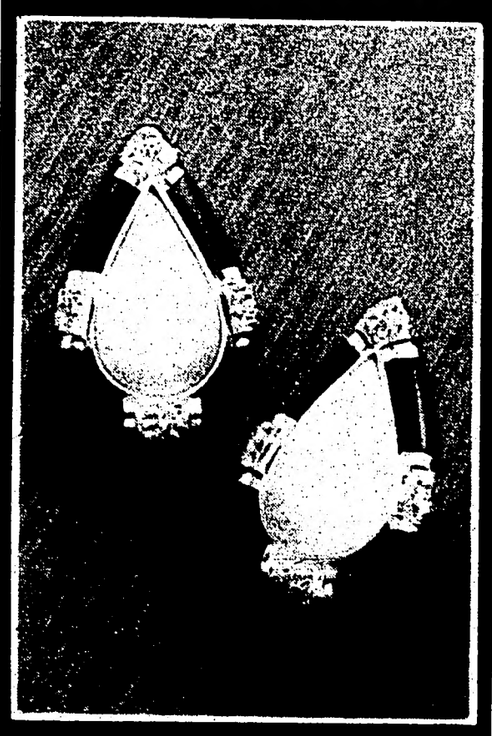

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Pincus teen conclave

TORONTO –
About 25 teenagers from across Ontario will gather in Toronto from Dec. 20 to the 22nd for the annual Pincus Outreach Program's Winter Conclave, says Karen Caplan, coordinator of the program.

The teens, mostly from northern, eastern and western Ontario, will take part in Israel-oriented workshops, seminars and discussion groups to better acquaint them with Israel, Kaplan states.

Outreach programs

The annual program is made possible through the Jerusalem-based L.A. Pincus Fund, which sponsors outreach programs in the Diaspora.

Participants, aged 14 to 18, will be addressed by Israeli vice-consul Moshe Ben-Zioni, by Susan Jackson, director of the Community Services Committee of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, and by the Young Judaea youth group on topics ranging from aliya to what it's like being a teenager in Israel.

The group will take in the play Hannah Senesh at the Leah Posluns Theatre and use the facilities of the Jewish Community Centre. Chanukah-related themes will also be stressed since the conclave takes place during the festival.

Call Karen Caplan at 635-2883 for more information.

$100,000 for Yad Vashem

TORONTO –
The Canadian Society for Yad Vashem, after only 18 months of fund raising, has raised $100,000 for Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Remembrance Authority in Jerusalem.

At a recent ceremony, Canadian Society Chairman Dr. Joel Dimitry handed the check to Reuven Dafni, Yad Vashem's Associate Director.

The funds will go toward several new projects at Yad Vashem, including a 24-volume history of the Holocaust, the retrieval of Holocaust documents and archives from Eastern Europe, and the construction of the Valley of the Destroyed Communities, a massive open-air memorial to the 4,500 Jewish communities lost during World War II.

The Canadian Society for Yad Vashem seeks to raise $2 million to complete these and other projects.

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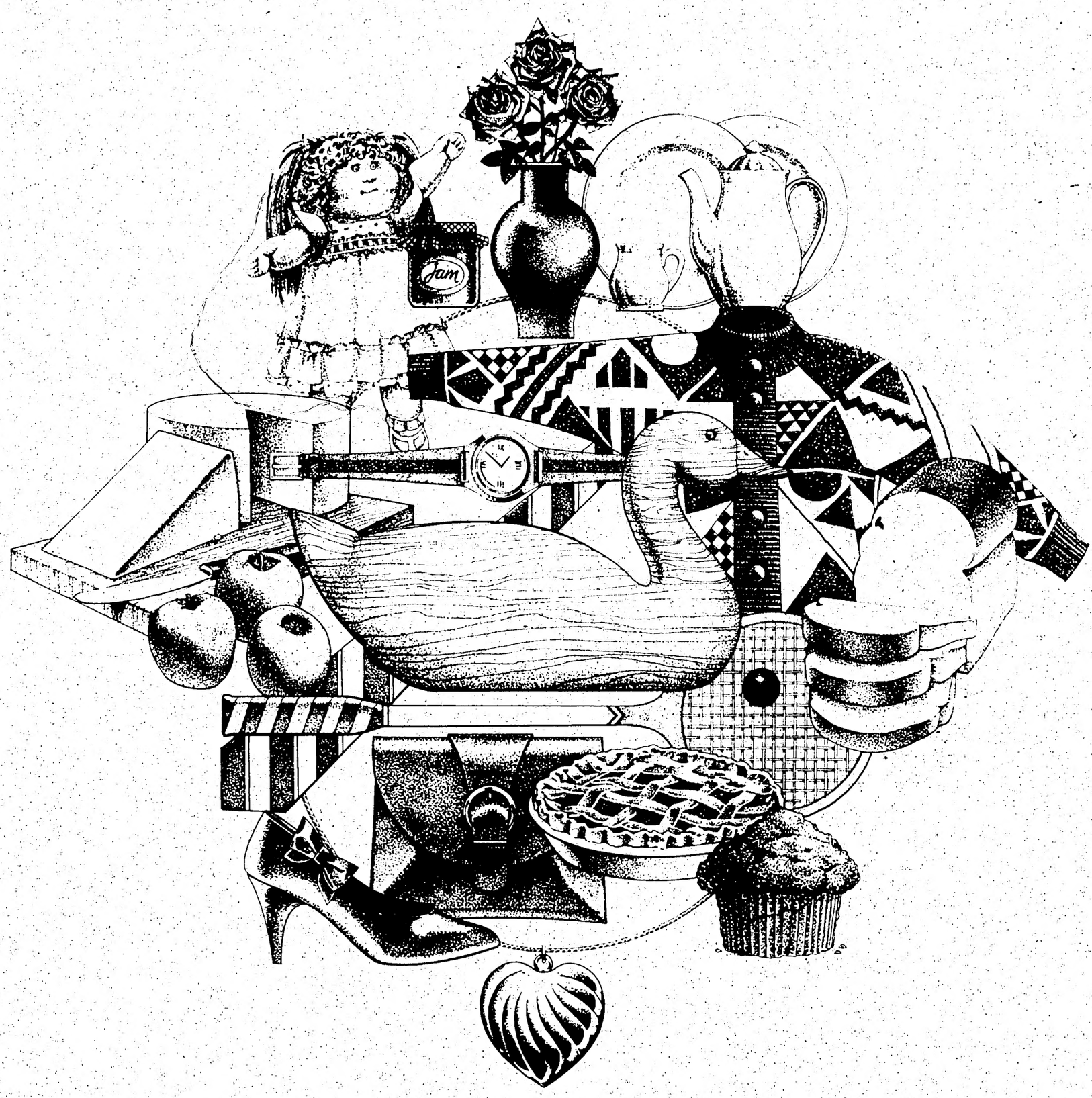

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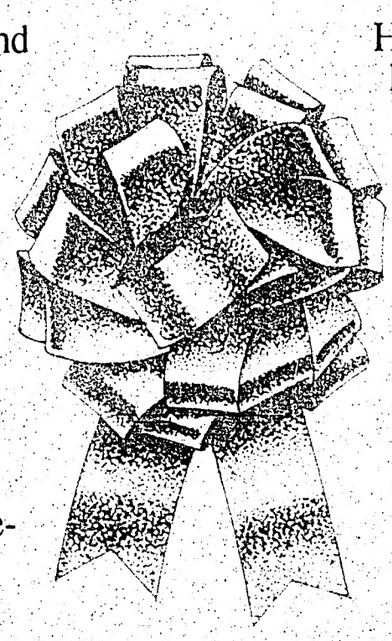

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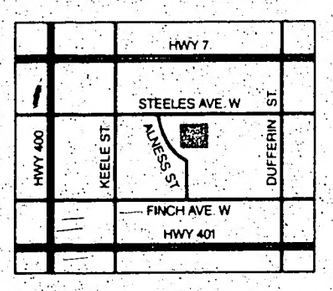

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Arts

Songs remain refreshingly durable

Mostly Mercer "Swonderful" tuneful nostalgia binge

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

If you're not in your late 40s, your 50s, or early 60s, you can skip this review and go boogeying to the latest bang-bang rock show for the yuppie set.

But if you're of the generation that regards romantic ballads and pop swing tunes as the legitimate folk poetry of your youth, then read on.

For if you're one of our gang, I'm urging you to catch the nostalgia binge titled *Mostly Mercer* which is running until Dec. 19 at the Royal York Hotel's Imperial Room.

It's a glorious tribute to a bard of Tin Pan Alley, who was once described by a music critic as being an underrated tunesmith with "a keen insight into American speech habits and an originality of thought as refreshing as the scent of magnolias."

He was the late Georgia-born Johnny Mercer (1909-1976), a lyricist who in his heyday wrote more than 1,500 pop songs in collaboration with such great composers as Jerome Kern, Harold Arlen, Arthur Schwartz and Hoagy Carmichael.

Duke Ellington, who commissioned him to put words to the music of *Satin Doll*, and Benny Goodman, who assigned him to convert the Yiddish wedding *freilich* tune into *And The Angels Sing*, both agreed on one thing about Mercer.

"Johnny is such a versatile musicmaker," they said, "you just can't categorize him."

Three of his songs were Oscar winners: *Days of Wine and Roses*, *Moon River*, and *On The Atchison Topeka and Santa Fe*.

His dozens of records included memorable duets which he sang with the likes of Bing Crosby (most notably *Accentuate The Positive*) and Jack Teagarden (their *Fare Thee Well To Harlem* became a jazz classic).

Mimi Hines is the star of Mostly Mercer, a tribute to the Bard of Tin Pan Alley, at the Royal York's Imperial Room.

And his output ranged fantastically from *G.I. Jive*, which he dashed off in 10 minutes, to those widely disparate standards, *I'm An Old Cowhand* and *That Old Black Magic*.

Three female vocalists from New York, all seasoned nightclub performers, do justice to Mercer's golden oldies in a medley-filled, 75-minute musical revue.

The star of the show is billed as "Canada's own" Mimi Hines. The Vancouver-born trouper made her reputation over a period of 20 years as a buck-toothed comedienne (known for her Japanese gagline, "Rotsa Ruck") in partnership with her ex-husband, Phil Ford.

Now in her 50s, she has made a smooth transition into a classy cabaret singer. Her 5-foot-2 figure, encased in a spangly silver gown, has since filled out with matronly girth. But her voice has also filled out and matured into a rich, mellow soprano capable of intense emotion.

She did a moving rendition of *I'm Gonna Love You* (Come Rain Or Come Shine) and a powerhouse version of *I Wanna Be Around To Pick Up The Pieces* (When Somebody Breaks Your Heart). And to prove she hasn't lost her comic flair, she did a jaunty *Arthur Murray Taught Me Dancing In A Hurry*.

Her two blonde sidekicks, though not as well known, are equally accomplished.

Nancy LaMott has an extraordinary wide vocal range. She does a magnificent scat duet with Toronto trumpeter Sam Noto when performing *You Must Have Been A Beautiful Baby* ('Cause Baby Look At You Now).

And Sara Riva Krieger is a spirited belter and torch singer. I especially liked her version of *Talk To Me, Baby* (Tell Me Lies, Exaggerate, Prevaricate).

And I had a good laugh when the pair of young blondes spoofed Mercer's *Goody Goody* (Goody Goody For Me, Goody Goody For You, You Rascal You).

I detected only one clinker in the trio's repertoire of Merceriana. That was *Midnight Sun*, whose lyrics seemed too fancy and florid and the music by Lionel Hampton aimless and convoluted.

For the most part, I kept being amazed by the cunning blend of simplicity and sophistication that made the songs in *Mostly Mercer* so refreshingly durable.

I found myself humming along with my favorites, and once again enjoying their bittersweet irony and suggestion of fun, even in a blues song such as:

My Momma done told me
When I was in pigtails
That a man is a two-face
A worrisome thing
Who'll lead you to sing
The blues in the night. . .

* * *

It may not have been written by Mercer, but the title of somebody else's famous song seemed to sum up best the imperishable joys of the evening's show: Swonderful.

Cantors' concert a rousing affair

By
DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO —

The recent Chazzanim Go Chassidic concert left an overflow audience at Holy Blossom speechless.

The concluding medley, sung by all four cantors — Eliezer Kirshblum of Adath Israel Congregation, Paul Kowarsky of Beth Tzedec, Benjamin Maissner of Holy Blossom, and Sheldon Merel of San Diego's Beth Israel — ended the evening on the same rousing note that elicited two standing ovations earlier.

No speech or tribute followed.

On behalf of the sponsoring Toronto Council of Chazzanim, Maissner thanked Holy Blossom's Carole Lavine and Naomi Bell for their help, in a brief presentation after the intermission. Lively song and relaxed camaraderie among the cantors were the rule of the evening.

As evidenced by hand clapping, toe tapping, head shaking, and smiles from ear to ear, long dormant rhythms were roused among meticulously coiffed and groomed members of the audience.

The Holy Blossom Temple Klezmer Band, directed by clarinetist Jack Zaza, set the tone with Zaza's rousing Chassidic Overture. The band demonstrated its versatility in its accompaniment in the range of songs that followed.

"I would really like to replace that organ on Friday night with your band," quipped Maissner, adding: "Perhaps, one day. . . ."

Highlights of the concert included:

- A medley of niggunim (chassidic melodies), some touching and sensitive, and others toe-tapping and hand-clapping good.
- An unusual Porgy and Bess style ballad about David and Goliath, sung by Merel.
- A trio of three popular Israeli songs about peace, sung in Hebrew by Maissner.
- Kirshblum's moving paean to the Holy City, Yerushalayim.
- A rollicking, jazzed-up version of the prayer Rachem Na, performed with obvious relish by Kirshblum and Kowarsky together.
- Another duet, Eretz Eretz, movingly sung by Merel and Maissner.

In the chassidic tradition, the cantors wore dark suits, white shirts, and no ties.

Cristen Gregory

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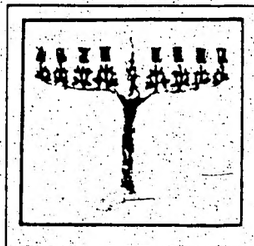

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By
BERNARD BASKIN

The Penguin Book of Modern Yiddish Verse, edited by Irving Howe, Ruth R. Wisse and Khone Shmeruk. Penguin, $40; Transliterated Yiddish-English Dictionary, by David M. Harduf, $30

Does Yiddish have a future? Can the language overcome the crushing blows of recent history? Where will the writers come from? How about the readers?

In a long and brilliant introduction, the authors of this massive anthology make clear that most of the prime figures of modern Yiddish literature were destroyed by the twin horrors of Hitler's concentration camps and Stalin's gulag. On Aug. 12, 1952, Bergelson, Markish, Hofshteyn, Kvitko, Fefer and Shmuel Persov were executed by the Stalinist regime.

The word "modern" in the book's title refers to poetry by self-declared creative figures over the past century and a half. The poems, differing widely in style and content, mirror diverse Jewish experiences from the shtetls of Eastern Europe to the kibbutzim of Israel.

This bilingual collection with Yiddish and English on facing pages begins with Y. L. Peretz who died in 1915 and concludes with the still-living Abraham Sutzkver who was born in 1913. In between are poems from 39 other persons, with special attention given to six major figures: Moyshe-Leyb Halpern, Perets Markish, Moyshe Kulbak, Jacob Glatstein, Itsik Manger and Abraham Sutzkever.

Some of the poems, especially of the last 60 years, are difficult and obscure. They experiment with incongruities of diction and sound. Others try to confront the almost incommunicable horror of the Holocaust. "The more the poets ventured onto the unexplored terrain of modernism, the less could they expect the communal favor which had been the privilege of such earlier writers as Mendele and Sholem Aleichem. No sooner did Yiddish poetry break from folk constraints than it became a poetry mainly of the little magazine and for the elite audience — not so very different from the fate of poets in Western countries."

The translators include such well known figures as John Hollander, Cynthia Ozick, Grace Schulman, Irving Feldman and Leonard Wolf.

The authors sadly conclude that they are presenting this rich testament to a literary heritage at a time "when it seems all too clear that the phase of Jewish culture in which Yiddish flourished seems to be approaching its end . . . This is the simple truth, and sad as it makes us, there is no point in denying it."

More than any other volume I know, this admirable anthology will provide limitless pleasure to those who cherish a once vital if greatly diminished tradition.

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Students and lovers of Yiddish are in debt to David Mendel Harduf of Toronto for his Transliterated Yiddish-English Dictionary. Each Yiddish word is followed by the English transliteration according to the Yivo pronunciation guide, and then the English translation is provided.

The format is large and the binding is superior. All in all this is a lovingly produced and useful work. The author has promised a sequel in the form of a transliterated English-Yiddish Dictionary. It is eagerly awaited.

Character lives under Nazi occupation

Author explores girl's moral choices

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

Winnipeg author Carol Matas' newest book is hot off the presses. *Lisa*, published by Toronto's Lester & Orpen Dennys Ltd., is a story about a teenage Jewish girl growing up in Denmark during the Nazi occupation and her own fight against the Nazis.

Lisa, Matas' fifth book, represents a change of direction for the children's author. Her previous four books, *The DNA Dimension*, *The Fusion Factor*, *Zanu* and *Me, Myself and I* (also released this month) were all part of the same science fiction series. The first one, *The DNA Dimension*, was released almost five years ago and has sold over 5,000 copies.

Lisa is also meant to appeal to a slightly older age group, children 11 years of age and up.

Daughter of the late Manitoba Justice Roy Matas and cousin of lawyer and author David Matas, Carol, a former actress, began writing between acting roles in Toronto to fill in the time. "I was sitting and looking at the plants on my kitchen table one day and began to write this story about children shrinking into a world of plants. That one is still sitting in my files with many others I've worked on over the years," she said.

A role at the Prairie Theatre Exchange brought her back to Winnipeg in the mid-70s and introduced her to her Danish-born husband, Per Brask, currently chairman of the University of Winnipeg's Theatre Department.

"I felt I couldn't have an acting career and raise a family at the same time, so I gave up acting," she said. "It gave me more time for writing."

The DNA Dimension, the novel that launched her career, was written while the family was living in Montreal. The children's book, which explores genetic engineering, illustrates Matas' characteristic style. "My books deal with moral issues," she explained.

In general, her books involve dual themes. The central character has to deal with a larger social problem — in *Lisa*, the Nazi occupation — as well as a personal choice related to that social problem — Lisa joining the resistance after she finds out her older brother, Stefan, has joined.

Carol Matas

The inspiration for *Lisa* came from her husband. "While visiting Montreal three years ago, Per gave me a book about the rescue of Denmark's Jewish community," she recalled. "I thought that, if I hadn't known about this, a lot of Canadian kids wouldn't know either.

I had wanted to write on a wartime theme, a story about the Holocaust for children," she continued, "but so much has been written already and it was hard to find an angle suitable for children. This is an optimistic, a positive story. It's not a history. It is a story about a young Jewish girl caught up in the events."

Lisa went on sale in bookstores across Canada in mid-November. Matas appeared at the recent Jewish book fairs in Montreal and Toronto respectively to talk about *Lisa*, and she also spoke to a youth group in Toronto and the Women's League for Conservative Judaism.

In the spring, she will be returning to Denmark, courtesy of a writing grant from the Manitoba Arts Council, to research a sequel to *Lisa* following the exploits of Lisa's boyfriend in the resistance from 1943-45.

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Leisure Pleasures

By VIVIENNE MUHLING — 422-2331

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Arts

Gaby tells story of disabled girl

Film will bring tears to your eyes, fill heart with joy

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

TORONTO —

How can I scream when I can't talk?

How can I stop loving with the seed of a woman inside?

God, if life is so many things that I am not, and never will be, give me the strength to be what I am.

Gabriela Brimmer

At birth Gaby Brimmer appeared healthy and normal. She was a beautiful baby and her parents were thrilled.

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Gaby — A True Story is a powerful, moving film of a woman's struggle for achievement in the face of overwhelming disabilities.

Set in Mexico, the film, playing at Market Square, chronicles Gaby's courage and determination as she strives to give self-expression to her thoughts, ideas and desires.

Gaby — through her close relationships with her parents (Jewish upperclass), her nursing companion, and the young man she falls in love with — is revealed to be intelligent, sensitive and feeling.

At times self-doubt gives away to depression. But at other moments her conviction that she can and will transcend her physical limitations give way to joyful inspiration.

Strong performances are given by all cast members, in particular Gaby (Rachel Levin), her nursing companion Florencia (Norma Aleandro), and parents Sari (Liv Ullmann) and Michel (Robert Loggia).

Also notable is Fernando (Lawrence Monoson) who plays Gaby's friend and lover.

Filmmaker Luis Mandoki was moved to make a film about Gaby after seeing her on television shortly after her autobiographical book was published in the late 1970s.

It took seven years to produce and similar to the subject itself, the film had to overcome great hurdles to reach the screen.

The result is a remarkable story that will bring tears to your eyes and fill your heart with joy.

Liv Ullmann (left) plays a woman who tries to help her daughter (Rachel Levin) overcome obstacles in her life.

Will Shnooky get visible?

By
DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO —

Will Dr. Midos and his faithful assistant Shnooky be able to save Borough Park (Brooklyn) astronaut Dizzy and the Marvellous Midos Machine from diabolical Dr. Doomshtein?

And if they do, will they succeed in finding the mysterious wookie-jookie plant in the Congo that will render Shnooky visible again?

These and other questions are answered in the recently released audiocassette for pre- and early-grade children, *Marvellous Midos Machine: Episode Two — Shnooky to the Rescue* ($13). Both are largely Canadian efforts.

The midos machine, as detailed in the first cassette, released in 1986, is a secret satellite launched by Dr. Midos and manned by Dizzy. Song and narrative follow the success of its purpose, which is to keep young children from misbehaving and to help them learn good midos.

The doctor's spy in the sky emphasizes:

"Midos are the way we act, how we think and feel.

"The Torah shows us just what we should do:

"To be a mensch, you've got to have good midos through and through."

The midos machine helps 6-year-old twins Mendie and Miri confess to their mother that it was they who spilled some milk. They wipe it up themselves, too.

The machine intervenes decisively in a number of cases until it is more or less hijacked by the nasty Dr. Doomshtein, who hates goodness.

The first cassette was created in Toronto by songwriters Abie Rotenberg and Moshe Yess. Episode two was written and produced independently by Rotenberg, after Yess moved to Montreal.

Rotenberg previously produced the popular *D'veykus* album series (volumes 1, 2 and 3) and *Journeys* — a sensitive collection of ballads and songs in English relating to various Jewish themes — released in 1984.

Yess is a popular concert performer whose recording credits include two *Megama Duo* albums and several solo releases.

The performers on both tapes are all residents of Toronto. Rabbi Shmuel Klein — a long time educator in Toronto — is the voice of Dr. Midos. Shloimie Goldreich portrays Dizzy and sings the teshuva song on Episode Two. Rabbi Moshe Blaustein of Eitz Chaim Schools is Shloompie, who first appears in Episode Two.

Eitz Chaim students, ranging in age from 4 to 14, perform in both solo and chorus parts.

Parents listening along will also be amused, as they learn:

- How cannibals find kugel, kishke, and cholent more than acceptable as substitutes for their usual fare.
- That Dr. Midos calls his new space teletransporter a "kvitzat haderech" machine. The Jewish term, meaning contraction of the journey, is an old biblical reference.

Episode Two, available at local Jewish book stores, will apparently not be the last. Dr. Midos is converting his green easy chair into a time machine.

Children's fantasy story a "show with class"

TORONTO —

The Canadian Children's Dance Theatre is presenting a "kiddy show with class," *Battle For The Toys*, from Dec. 22 until Dec. 30 at the Premiere Dance Theatre, at Queen's Quay Terminal, Harbourfront.

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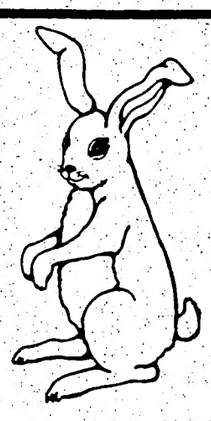
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Off-beat comedy roles a natural for chutzpandik actor

By
ANCIL KASHETSKY

TORONTO —
How does a 12-year-old becomed an actor? If you're Jonathan Wise, you take a subway down to the Trainco Talent Agency at Jarvis and Bloor, then get an agent, an audition and a job all in the same day.

That's how the Toronto native, who is now 26, broke into the business. True, Wise's first role was for a TV cereal commercial, but the slim, boyish-looking actor who grew up in Forest Hill looks back to that day in 1973 when he was cast in his first commercial as the debut of his acting career.

Today, after 75 TV commercials, theatre work in New York, and numerous guest spots on TV shows like Highway to Heaven and the movie-of-the-week Beverly Hills Madam starring Faye Dunaway, Wise can now take some professional pride in having starred in the Hollywood film Three O'Clock High.

In this teenage comedy Wise plays Vincent Costello, a high school student who must use his wits to help his buddy (Casey Siemaszko) survive a rumble with the school tough guy (Richard Tyson).

"It's the sort of off-beat comedy role I was born to play," he says. "In the movie, I'm one of those friends you wonder why you're friends with."

Wise told The Canadian Jewish News that he made his film debut in last year's Soul Man, but his appearance was too brief to merit much attention. His role in Three O'Clock High, however, is a major one where he showcases his talents. "Moreover," the young actor beams, "the shakers and movers are now coming to me with offers." He declined to be more specific, but said some of the job offers were interesting and would be important to his career.

The road from Toronto to Hollywood was not always smooth for the Toronto actor. After leaving Toronto for New York in 1979 at 18, Wise often had to support himself by working in restaurants.

Waiting on tables is an experience not without

Jonathan Wise

value, he wistfully recalls. "Being nice to an obnoxious customer in order to get a tip can teach you more about acting than any teacher can."

Despite some proverbial hard times, Wise's star has ascended with relative ease. He recalls his first break as a 12 year-old when he was cast in a commercial after only one audition.

Asked what he thinks the agent here in Toronto saw in him then, he grins sheepishly, "A natural talent, a real character, a face that every mother could love."

Chutzpah? Perhaps. But Wise says chutzpah has carried him a long way. Take New York, for example. The actor says he knocked on eight different agents' doors in the first week in the city. "Call it chutzpah or naivity, but I got eight different jobs that week."

Working with the prestigious Williamstown Theatre Company was a big boost to his career during the six years he spent in New York. In the company's propduction of Eleanor, the actor played Albert Einstein.

Having seen many talented actors and actresses drop out of the profession because of stress and failure has made Wise hold the view that sometimes its easier to get ahead in acting the less one knows about it intellectually.

"Watching people sweat it out for an important audition can be a very painful experience. There's nothing more character-revealing than a tough audition. It's amazing how much mental and emotional baggage people bring with them."

Wise says it's the strong Jewish family life he experienced growing up in Toronto which he misses most after he went out to Los Angeles to live and work several years ago. Therefore, coming back to Toronto for visits is a real treat, especially during the Jewish New Year and Pesach.

"Listening to Emil Fackenheim speak at the Holy Blossom was a family tradition for us. But the nicest thing about being home is our family Shabbat meal."

Baycrest concert evokes memories

TORONTO —
Lawyer and sometime tenor with the Canadian Opera Company Michael Mandel sang Yiddish songs at a recent concert for more than 250 guests and residents of the Jewish Home for the Aged of Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care.

The concert was held to dedicate the gift of a grand piano to Baycrest Centre in memory of Max and Hilda Mandel.

Max Mandel was the driving force and voice behind the popular weekly radio show The Jewish Hour during the 1930s, 40s and 50s. The gift of the piano was made possible by donations to a Baycrest memorial fund established by the Mandel children: Michael and Carole Mandel, Marilyn and Stanley Beder, and Sharon and Ken Fuller.

The concert evoked rich memories for JHA residents and featured Yiddish, Hebrew and classical music played by 12-year-old Max Mandel (the award-winning violinist son of Michael and Carole), pianist Brahm Goldhamer and the Toronto Jewish Folk Choir.

Michael Mandel

Tapes of Max Mandel's original recording on The Jewish Hour are available for $10 at the Baycrest Centre Gift Shop. All proceeds go to Baycrest.

Kosher gourmet dining

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —
The Westin Hotel here is featuring a night of kosher gourmet dining and theatre in its new Chimes Dinner Theatre on Wednesday, Dec. 23.

The Westin is one of two hotels in Winnipeg which offers kosher catering under the auspices of the local Vaad Hair. Always innovative, the hotel this year has introduced the first lobby bar in the city, afternoon teas, lunchtime fashion shows, and it has brought dinner theatre back to Winnipeg.

This city has had dinner theatre before. Stage West operated successfully downtown for many years until the property was expropriated in 1985 to make way for massive renovation into Winnipeg's downtown. Rumors of its rebirth have come to naught.

The Westin moved to fill the void with the first production, The Melville Boys which began its run in the hotel's Chimes Restaurant last month.

The Melville Boys, a play by Norman Foster, is typical of the light fare the theatre will be offering diners. It's a comedy about terminal illness and other emotional problems. All productions will run Tuesday through Saturday for 8-week periods.

The menu for the Dec. 23 kosher night will include a beet and barley soup, Greek salad, and a choice of salmon steaks in Hollandaise sauce, roast rib of beef or chicken stuffed with wild mushrooms.

The art-deco restaurant seats about 130.

Menaz Abji, the Westin's general manager, thinks dinner theatre is just what Winnipeg needs. He reports the hotel is looking at adding matinee brunches and Sunday evening performances and, of course, having more kosher nights if the response to the first is positive.

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Arts

Stage magic from a versatile performer

Morse's loving valentine a tribute to fellow masters

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

The incredible versatility of David Garrick, the foremost actor of the 18th century, was once summed up nicely by Peg Woffington, the actress with whom he'd had a tempestuous love affair.

"Damn him!" she said enviously. "He could act a gridiron."

The same could be said of the prolific Barry Morse, the star, writer, producer and director of the 1-man show, *Merely Players*.

It's running until Dec. 19 at the Young People's Theatre (165 Front St. E., 363-5131). Then it returns to Toronto on Jan. 10 for a matinee and evening performance at the Leah Posluns Theatre (4588 Bathurst St., 636-2720).

Morse bills his 2-hour show as a "theatrical scrapbook." It's far more than that.

First of all, it's a fund raiser for a worthy project.

Morse is taking the show on a year-long, cross-Canada tour on behalf of Performing Arts Lodges of Canada (PAL). It's a new charity dedicated to building a 3-storey retirement home for the aged and needy in our nation's performing arts industry.

So you can buy a ticket and enjoy yourself thoroughly, sweetened by the knowledge that you're also performing a fine *mitzvah*.

Secondly, as the 69-year-old Morse is quick to explain at the beginning of the evening, it's by no means a personal scrapbook restricted to his own theatrical experiences for more than half a century.

It is rather what I'd call a loving valentine by a master of his profession. We see him paying tribute to his fellow craftsmen, who are versed in the art of acting out other people's fantasies, since the days of William Shakespeare.

Morse takes the title of his greasepaint memorabilia from Shakespeare's *As You Like It*:

All the world's a stage,
And all the men and women merely players.
They have their exits and their entrances,
And one man in his time plays many parts . . .

Morse has played well over 2,000 parts since he came to Canada in 1951 and has since performed in places as far-flung as Mexico and Australia. He has become, in the process, a member of no fewer than 4 different unions in various countries.

"If you're a miner," he quips, "you have to go where the coal is."

In his present show, he plays at least three dozen roles, including the prerecorded offstage voices of a gallery of women, children and teenagers, and even whinnying horses.

It's a mark of his stage magic that he creates these people and their universes over the centuries by using just two simple props — a stool and a wandering trouper's wicker hamper.

Neither does he apply makeup or wear costumes during the evening. Instead, we see a slight, baldish man, with a fringe of gray hair, dressed simply in a pair of modern trousers and an open-collared blue shirt.

When he is not impersonating a character, his rubbery face is usually wreathed in a wide, benign smile and he speaks in a chatty fashion about working in a "dodgey profession" whose participants have long been regarded as "rogues and vagabonds."

Barry Morse, Canada's master craftsman of the stage, puts on a moving and hilarious 1-man show, The Players, at Young People's Theatre, also to be performed at the Leah Posluns Theatre.

Like a puppet master, he peoples his theatrical worlds largely by suggestion — switching his voice and changing his gestures and altering his facial expression as though by flashes of lightning.

He begins the evening with a charming story on how he blundered into the profession. He was then a 15-year-old Cockney errand boy from Shoreditch, London, who cockily auditioned for a scholarship with the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts.

Though he'd never seen a stage play in his life, he actually beat more than 300 others at the auditions. He did so by imitating the spiel of a Cockney peddler of a cureall elixir — and offering his curiously touching slum impersonation of that la-de-da toff Algernon from Oscar Wilde's *The Importance Of Being Ernest*.

The rest of the show is divided between pathos and hilarity as he recreates sketches once performed by giants of the theatre.

Every one of them is a Morsean tour-de-force. One of the highlights was his version of *The Bells*, a melodrama by the 19th-century actor Henry Irving, who took elocution lessons at 10 in a London school in an attempt to cure his painful stutter.

It's the nightmare of a murderous innkeeper who dreams he is hearing the horse sleigh bells of the rich merchant he killed and robbed. "Wonderful and ghastly" is the way Queen Victoria described Irving's performance, and she rewarded him with a knighthood.

He does marvellous scenes from Charles Dickens and Anton Chekhov.

But my favorite was the vignette taken from *All For Hecuba*, the memoirs of Micheal MacLiammoir, the actor-impresario of Dublin's Gate Theatre, who toured Canada, the U.S. and Ireland in the 1940s.

It's the deliciously hilarious sketch of the landlady of an Irish tavern. In Morse's version of the monologue, she's a jovial yet greedy scandalmonger, who spikes her gossip with pious requests that God will "strengthen the hand" of the listening actor, as he keeps pouring her another "sup — just a tear more" of Irish whiskey.

Morse ends the show by singing the sentimental Cockney ballad, *My Old Dutch*, which he dedicates to his wife and business partner for more than 49 years, Sydney Sturgess, a Stratford Festival veteran actress.

He also recites with feeling the poetic philosophy of ancient Prospero from Shakespeare's *The Tempest* that "We are such stuff that dreams are made on."

Morse refers to himself, with characteristic modesty, as a mere "rank-and-file player" who has spent a lifetime "pulling faces" in order to entice the customers to "put their warm bums on cold seats."

A more fitting epitaph is the one written by Oliver Goldsmith for one of Morse's fellow master mimers of dreams:

"Here lies David Garrick,
describe me who can
An abridgement of all that is pleasant in man."

Gottesman's stories promote Jewish values

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

Quality children's literature can instill Jewish values in a child the way no teacher or school ever could, says author and The Canadian Jewish News columnist Rabbi Meir Uri Gottesman. "It gives a sense not of what the world is, but of what it could be."

Gottesman does not believe that one can pretend the secular world doesn't exist, although. "I see that that approach sometimes works." Rather, he said, one should teach a child "a sense of what it means to be a Jew."

This philosophy is the impetus behind his two *Shpeter* books and his latest publications, *Chaimkele the Dreamer* and *The Amazing Lumberjack*, he told a Jewish Book Fair lecture sponsored by Emunah Women of Canada.

Through his creation Shpeter (later in Yiddish), the rabbi tried to make the Torah exciting, since "school often makes Torah dead.

"If we can put the child into the Torah," he mused, "maybe we can put Torah into the child."

Chaimkele the Dreamer is about a poor rabbi who runs a bookstore. While he insists that it is not autobiographical (Gottesman runs the Ma Tov bookstore at Bathurst and Lawrence), the stories in it, he admitted, are based on experiences he has had there.

Before Sukkoth, related the rabbi, he was struck by how meticulously people were examining esrogim for minute flaws. He said: "Thousands are homeless in Toronto, and they are looking for teensy blemishes!"

Gottesman made his insight into a fantasy in which the esrogim pick over and choose the people.

The Amazing Lumberjack, he went on, teaches that one may find G-d not only in a shul or through study, but also in nature, "like the Baal Shem Tov (the founder of chassidism) did."

Reading, he concluded, should ideally give a child "time to imagine, to dream, to be creative, and to find himself."

During the question period, Gottesman stressed the importance of choosing books and subject matter for each individual child, according to his particular needs, abilities and sensitivities.

Gottesman was introduced by Hannah Schusheim, an Emunah member and Jewish Book Fair past president, and thanked by Emunah vice-president Ann Roseman.

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Allard appointed as Florida rep

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. —

Janice Allard has been appointed promotional representative for the Florida department of commerce in the state's Toronto office.

Allard began with the department's Canadian office in June as an administrative assistant and was recently promoted to the representative position.

Allard joined the Florida division of tourism after serving a year as a Canadian ambassador with Walt Disney World's EPCOT Center. She was a participant of the World Showcase Fellowship Program while at the Orlando theme park.

"This exposure, in combination with her experience in the hotel and travel industry, will certainly be an asset to our staff," said Ellis Webber, director of Canadian marketing for Florida.

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Travel

City going all out with winter spectacles

Montreal hotels drop rates 50% to attract visitors

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

MONTREAL —

If you are planning a weekend visit this winter to Montreal, there is a chance you can do so at half the usual hotel rate. Until April 3, most Montreal hotels will offer you a 50% discount from regular rates, on a space availability basis, if you make reservations in advance.

From Thursday evening to Sunday evening the half-price rates will apply, and you will also receive on registering at the hotel a coupon book with discounts in shops, shows, concerts, exhibitions and tours.

The City of Montreal is going all out to attract some 25,000 new visitors this winter on weekends. Judging by the many exhibitions, sporting and cultural events, there will be plenty to see and do in the largest French-language city outside France.

There will be, for example, a Winter Festival from Jan. 22 to 31 in Maisonneuve Park, with hot air balloons, snowsculpting competitions, and skating. There is to be a show of Antique Needlepoint during December, and early January.

Throughout the city there is snowshoeing, skating, skiing and other winter activities in the various parks, and the Montreal Canadiens hockey games can be seen in the Montreal Forum all winter.

There is a Boat Show the last few days of February at Place Bonaventure, an Auto Show at the same place Jan. 14 to 24, a Bonsai and Penjing Collection of miniature Oriental trees in the Botanical Gardens all winter, and a Magic and Illusion Show Dec. 27 at the Palais de Congress.

Music is important in Montreal. All winter there are performances by the Montreal Opera, the Grand Ballets Canadiens, and the Montreal Symphony Orchestra. The city has a number of art museums, the Museum of Fine Arts, Museum of Contemporary Arts and Museum of Decorative Arts. Some will have special exhibitions this winter.

You can go sleighriding on the roads on Mount Royal, skating, skiing and tobogganing in various parks, and north of the city are dozens of ski resorts for downhill as well as cross-country ski enthusiasts. There is now a guided tour of the Olympic Stadium and trip up the world's tallest slanting tower designed to hold the movable roof of the stadium.

Place d'Armes in Montreal with the statue of founder Sieur de Maisonneuve, on approximately site of founding of the city in 1642.

For history buffs, take a walk or bus tour of Old Montreal near the venerable Victorian-style City Hall and the Horatio Nelson Monument. Visit the Chateau de Ramezay built about 1705 and used by the French governor of the city.

Take a trip up Mount Royal for a spectacular view on a clear day of the St. Lawrence River and harbor facilities of the city. You can go up the winding climbing road by car or, if there is enough snow, by horse-drawn sleigh.

One of the main attractions of Montreal is gourmet dining, in any of dozens of ethnic restaurants and elegant hotel dining rooms. French and French-Canadian cooking lead in popularity. In the main hotel and theatre districts you will find plenty of drinking spots and here too is the centre of the city's nightlife.

An historic event takes place this winter when, on Jan. 1, the Ritz-Carlton Hotel on Sherbrooke St. marks its 75th birthday. The hotel, built in 1912, opened for busjness on Jan. 1, 1913, the dream of four of the city's wealthy businessmen who wanted to have a hotel in Montreal that would cater to the rich and famous.

Over the years the hotel has had good times and bad, has changed hands and is now owned by a French hotelier who renovated the well known hostelry in recent years. In its lifetime it has hosted European and Japanese royalty and famous stage and screen people from Mary Pickford to Sophia Loren for whom even a special private kitchen was prepared so she could cook her own pasta after rehearsals.

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By
LAURENCE AGRON

JERUSALEM —

A typical 10-day to 3-week holiday in Israel often entails touring the north, taking in Haifa, Acre, Nazareth, Tiberias, and other points of interest in the Galilee.

The oceanfront, busy promenades, and active cultural life of Tel Aviv can't be missed. Excursions southward are quite rewarding. There's the lowest point on earth, the Dead Sea, and Masada, and Ben-Gurion's quaint home in Sde Boker to see.

Continuing through the rugged Negev landscape, broken by an occasional Bedouin encampment, and on to the booming resort of Eilat, you've picked up the flavor of Israel. But you haven't tasted the essence without spending some time in the political and spiritual capital, Jerusalem. Even a week is not long enough to scratch the surface of this timeless city.

As if the visitor's aesthetic and spiritual senses were not sufficiently stimulated during his trip, a relatively recent, innovative tour has been devised to add an extraordinarily rich dimension and perspective to the Israel experience. It's a 20-minute flight a mere few hundred feet over Jerusalem's fabled landmarks, monuments, and relics in a small, single-engine airplane.

"I was living in Israel for 31 years and never saw Jerusalem from the air. When I saw it, it was unbelievable!" says Ami Kedem, marketing manager of Nesher Aviation, provider of the service. Having flown the "tour" several times myself, I can assure you this is not mere hyperbole.

We begin our trip at Jerusalem's modest airport, a few miles north of the city. Shortly after ascent, we glide over several small Arab villages in a sparsely populated area. In a couple of minutes we enter the northern rim of the city, passing over Mt. Scopus on our left, site of Hadassah Hospital and a campus of Hebrew University. On our right we see residential French Hill, followed by Ammunition Hill, site of fierce fighting during the Six Day War.

Continuing southward, we come to what is for most, the highlight of the flight, the Old City. The glow of the dramatic late afternoon (or early morning) sunshine casts dramatic shadows which must be seen to be believed. As the plane swoops low over the Western Wall and the Temple Mount bearing the immense golden-covered Dome of the Rock Mosque and the less ornate Al-Aksa Mosque, you can make out the tiny forms of worshippers praying at the holy sites. The tightly-packed dwellings of the various quarters of the Old city are clearly discernible within the imposing medieval walls.

We continue on our way, heading west over the well-to-do Rehavia neighborhood and then spying a cluster of interesting sites. We note the handsome Knesset and the adjoining Israel Museum, along with the Givat Ram campus and football field of Hebrew University. The large expanse of green behind the stolid government office buildings is Sacher Park. Just a few seconds later we pass by Mt. Herzl and Yad Vashem, and begin banking northward.

By now we have circled to the northwest part of the city. Below is the huge convention centre/auditorium, Binyenei Ha'uma, site of the Demjanjuk trial. Next door is the Hilton Hotel. Although only about 200 feet tall, it's a skyscraper by Jerusalem standards, a dominant feature from the air as well as the ground. In another five minutes or so, we've landed, not believing that our slotted 20 minutes have expired. This is grossly unfair — not allowing us to observe even one minute for each century Jerusalem has stood.

Nesher Aviation has been around since 1982, but changed management last year and increased its orientation toward a tourist clientele. Toward this end, Kedem has devised an ingenious marketing strategem, a flight over Jerusalem as a present for a young boy (or girl) who comes of age, a bar-mitzvah (bat-mitzvah for girls) present par excellence. But that's not all. The lad is actually behind the controls of the aircraft!

As Kedem explains it, "What can you give to a person who is 13 years old that he will remember? If you give him a book, he will put it on the shelf. If you give him a shirt, it will be the same. But if you give him a flight, and even let him take the controls himself — it's something that's very difficult to forget."

Sometimes as many as four or five boys a day fly the small plane, and over 500 have done so thus far. But before flying, each novice "pilot" is given an orientation for over an hour which includes a film, a tour of the airport (including the flight control tower), and an inspection of the aircraft. Most important is a half-hour session in a flight simulator under the supervision and instruction of the pilot who will accompany the lad on the flight a few minutes later.

Ami Kedem informed us that the roundtrip flight over Jerusalem costs $35 for the standard 20-minute flight, and $99 for the "hands-on" bar-mitzvah journey. Also available is an hour-and-a-quarter flight over the spectacular fortress of Masada, for about $85. The flights operate seven days a week. Information is available in most major Israel hotels.

Singer Sedaka hosts travel film about Greece

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

Considering the history of hostility between Greece and Turkey, it was somewhat strange that the Greek government should invite an American Jewish entertainer of Turkish extraction to make a film to promote American tourism to Greece.

What was stranger still, was that the entertainer in question was not snapped up by the Israeli tourist authorities to help encourage American travelers to include Israel in their itineraries.

Neil Sedaka, 48, recently arrived on a private visit with his wife Leba. Since he was in the region, he said, he had taken advantage of the opportunity to get together with old friends.

Sedaka (charity in Hebrew), whose grandparents migrated from Istanbul to New York in 1910, was a child prodigy, whose professional career began 34 years ago. In that time, he has written more than 1,000 songs.

He was at the peak of his career in the 1960s. His popularity waned towards the end of the decade, but he made a successful comeback in 1975 and has been in demand ever since.

This is his third visit to Israel. He was first brought here in 1965 by the legendary impressario, the late Giora Godik.

Asked whether he would be interested in making a film to promote tourism to Israel, Sedaka said that he would love to.

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By
JAMES MONTAGNES

SARASOTA, Fla. —
Circus king John Ringling willed his vast properties in this area to the state of Florida. Today thousands of visitors come to see his former mansion, part of a complex known as the Ringling Museums.

Included are a Museum of Art, a Museum of the Circus and the 18th century Asolo Theatre which Ringling had imported from Italy in 1950 and reconstructed on his property.

The Art Museum is filled with 15th to 18th century European art treasures, paintings and furniture. In the Asolo Theatre old plays are produced and the Circus Museum has been open since 1948 with a vast collection of memorabilia including 100-year old circus wagons.

Sarasota also has the Museum of Cars and Music of Yesterday, where you'll find old cars, nickelodeons, juke-boxes, phonographs and old games. For those who enjoyed miniature trains when they were young there is a Lionel Seashell and Train Museum at Sarasota as well.

Further south in the Fort Myers area are the Sanibel and Captiva Islands, havens for shell collectors, where a few resorts share the long white sand beaches with those who come to relax, comb the sand for a variety of sea shells, or go fishing. At Fort Myers visit the former winter home of inventor Thomas Edison, who built his vacation home and laboratories here a century ago and enjoyed the warm climate so much he lived to be 84 years old.

In the Clearwater area's wide white sand beaches anyone can learn how to relax. The beaches stretch almost endlessly and the sun shines almost every day. The waters of the Gulf of Mexico come lazily ashore; large waves are a rarity.

This area near Tampa-St. Petersburg — direct air connections from Toronto operate frequently — has numerous beachfront resorts and beaches where you can walk long distances, or play a type of beach volleyball, go windsurfing or fishing. Vacationers swim here, or sit under thatched umbrellas with cool drinks, or fly kites, or visit small islands in the International Waterway which separates long thin islands from the mainland.

Windsurfing is probably the fastest growing sport in this area, this travel reporter learned on a recent trip. Because the water temperature rarely dips below 15 Celsius (60 F) the brighly colored sails of windsurfers can be spotted along miles of shoreline.

You can rent windsurfer boards, and if you have not tried this sport before, there are a number of instructors available on various parts of the 128 miles (206 kilometres) of beach. You can also learn to operate the 2-hulled sailing catamarans you see frequently on the beach near Clearwater.

The waters of the Gulf of Mexico and the inland waterways abound in mackerel, grouper, snapper, trout, snook, mullet and shellfish of all varieties. Tackle and fishing equipment can be rented at bait shops or marinas all along the west coast.

One of the numerous golf courses on Florida's Gulf of Mexico coast is this one near Clearwater at the Belleview Biltmore Resort.

Just north of this area is Dunedin where the Toronto Blue Jays Baseball Club trains in winter. Other well known baseball clubs have their winter training camps in the St. Petersburg and Clearwater areas, and exhibition games are played in the region during the season.

Just south of the Tampa-St. Petersburg region there are more semi-tropical resort communities for water sport enthusiasts, teeming with sailboats, powerboats, water skiers and fishermen. It is also an area where birdwatchers keep binoculars trained on the horizon for ospreys, herons, egrets and other exotic birds. Here is the Suncoast Seabird Sanctuary where injured birds are treated. There are often more than 500 birds of 40 species treated at the sanctuary at the same time.

There is much to see in the Tampa-St. Petersburg area, such as the Salvador Dali Museum with works of the Spanish surrealist artist including almost 100 oil paintings, 200 watercolors and hundreds of sculptures.

In Tampa is the old Cuban cigar-making area of Ybor City where Teddy Roosevelt recruited soldiers for the Spanish-American War of 1898.

Just outside Tampa is the Busch Gardens Dark Continent African theme park with its big game animals, free-flying aviary and African rides. And St. Petersburg has a Museum of Fine Arts as well as an Historical Museum of early community landmarks, china, glassware and dolls.

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By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

PORT MARIA, Jamaica —

Words are not enough. The view of the verdant Jamaican coastline and the calm, sparkling waters of the aquamarine Caribbean Sea from the green hills of Noel Coward's estate is indescribably beautiful.

On a hot, sunny day, a visitor looks down with awe at this pristine landscape and gives thanks that he, too, has seen it. In this life, such scenes of incandescent beauty are few and far between.

Coward, the late British playwright, composer, actor and director, was indeed fortunate to have lived here, in this quiet corner of Jamaica where the cold gusts of winter never intrude.

Coward, who made a fabulous career of depicting the lives of the rich, the vain, the spoiled and the snobbish, was certainly at ease at Firefly, the villa to which he repaired annually, every January, for 17 years.

Coward's villa, now administered by the Jamaican National Trust Commission, has become a must-see tourist attraction on this lush island in the sun.

Coward discovered Firefly Hill in 1948 while on holiday. He and his companion, Graham Payn, were driving in the vicinity when they came to an enticing dirt track off the rustic road. Driving to the top, they found the ruins of a lookout Sir Henry Morgan, the pirate-turned-gentleman, built 300 years earlier.

Coward was enchanted, not only by the vistas, but by the fireflies that glowed in the dark. He bought the land from a local family, and, eight years later, built the modest villa that still stands on the site.

When Firefly was completed in 1956, Coward, author of such enduring plays as *Private Lives* and *Blithe Spirit*, was at the height of his justly deserved fame. In this place, far from the din of Port Maria, a fishing and agricultural village, he wrote his sole novel, *Pomp and Circumstance*, and two plays, *South Sea Bubble*, a comedy, and *Ace of Clubs*, a musical.

Apart from being his writing retreat, Firefly was a magnet for celebrities ranging from Errol Flynn and Laurence Olivier to Winston Churchill and the Queen Mother.

To reach Firefly, which lies off the rutted 2-lane road leading to Port Antonio, you drive up a narrow track flanked on either side by thick tropical vegetation.

Paying homage

Imogene Fraser, Coward's housekeeper, greets visitors. Fraser is a shy, gentle, diminutive woman who seems somewhat uneasy with the pilgrims who arrive to pay homage to her former master. But she is game and the tour she conducts is brisk and informative.

Lasting about 15 minutes, the tour begins on a patio with a tranquilizing view of wooded mountains and shimmering sea.

It then moves to Coward's ground-floor studio, where he indulged his passion for painting. Coward, as a visual artist, was only dimly talented, and now his rather crudely executed landscapes and portraitures lean nondescriptly against walls.

The dining room, adjacent to a garage, is surprisingly spartan, even undistinguished. It was here, in this shady corner, that Coward consumed many of his meals.

The living room-cum-music room, up several stairs, shows memorabilia like fading song sheets, stained record albums, an upright piano, couches and a self-portrait of Coward.

Coward's so-called "room with a view," where he worked, offers wonderful glimpses of the Blue Mountains and the Caribbean.

His bedroom, with its 4-poster bed, is roped off at the door. But an inquisitive reporter, having obtained permission from Imogene, wanders past the barrier over to Coward's bookshelf and scans titles such as Gay Talese's history of The New York Times, *Modern English Usage*, *Papa Hemingway* and *The Champagne Spy*, a biography of Israeli spy Wolfgang Lotz.

Before he leaves the bedroom, the visitor inspects Coward's silk and cotton short-sleeved shirts made in Hawaii and Thailand.

The kitchen, filled with 1950s appliances, is glum and dowdy in appearance. Asked what food Coward liked best, Imogene mentions macaroni and cheese and fried eggs and sausages. "He wasn't much of an eater," she says.

The tour ends with a visit to Coward's gravestone, enclosed by a white iron grill fence. Coward died in March of 1973, as he was shaving one morning, at the age of 74. Imogene says he used to take his evening cocktails on this very spot.

She leads the perspiring group to a small cafeteria where cold drinks can be bought, and which Coward used as a studio during his lifetime. From a tape recorder, the master's warbling voice crooning one of his own inimitable songs wafts over us. On the walls, photographs of Coward in repose.

As I leave, I take one more look at that magnificent scene spread out below in the valley. Two black birds are flying lazily overhead, and the honking of an occasional car horn is faintly heard.

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New 2 bedroom beauties, balcony. 1,600 sq. ft. - immediate possession, and other available Spring 1988. Also available resale "Courtland". *PEARLY DENNIS 224-2800.

1ST AD — LUXURY CONDO IN BEST LOCATION
Invest for the future, don't close until fall 1988, this model is sold out and demand is still there! *AL LEVINE 224-2800.

CONDOMINIUMS FOR RENT

TWO BEDROOMS — BATHURST & STEELES
2 baths, 3 appliances, balcony. Possession June 1988. 1 - 2 year lease. *MARY FENYES 224-2800.

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SOUTH GLENCAIRN/BATH
$699,000 Three new homes to be built for 1988 possession, plans/elevations + schedules are now available, 5 bdrms., main floor den, laundry, family & powder rooms, dble. garage, fully loaded. Hurry! J. Schulberg 481-3443.

HIDDEN TRAIL — RAVINE
$519,000 Asking. Overe 3,000 sq. ft., 4 bdrm. plus sitting room off master bdrm., walkout prof. finished bsmt., skylight! Loads of extras. Mrs. Kellner 223-2110 or 665-1676.

GLENCAIRN/BATHURST
$339,000 Detached 3-year old home built similar to townhouse boasting 3 bdrms., 4 baths, 132' south lot, central air conditioning and forced gas heating, family rm., skylights, many extras. Hurry! J. Schulberg 481-3443.

333 CLARK — CONSERVATORY
2 bdrm., 2 baths, sun room, wrap around balcony, large kitchen and breakfast area, north/east/south exposure, luxury condo. Mrs. Kellner 223-2110 or 665-1676.

1 Houses For Sale

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***DUFFERIN & CLARK**
3 bdrm + family room. Finished lower level. $295,000. Jeanette Newman 226-9770.

***BATHURST MANOR TRIPLEX**
17 rooms. Excellent income. Shelly Halpern/Judit Engel 226-9770.

***BATHURST-ANTIBES**
2 bdrm condo. Close to all amenities. New kitchen. 2 parking spots. R. Rosenbaum 226-9770.

***KEELE & SHEPPARD**
Large 3 bdrm bungalow. Fin. bsmt. 2 kit. Large lot. +++ Joe Salomon 226-9770.

***BATHURST & STEELES**
Fabulous 2 storey. Main floor family room. Fireplace. Large eat-in kitchen. Master ensuite. Joe Salomon 226-9770.

***BATHURST & STEELES**
Beautiful 3 bdrm townhome. Fin. bsmt. Fireplace. Central air. Shelly Halpern/Judit Engel 226-9770.

***AT BATHURST-STEELES**
Prestigious Ridgegate 4 bdrms. Luxury home. Fin. bsmt. Rima Yevstigneev 226-9770.

***BATHURST & STEELES**
2 storey 4 bdrm. Main floor family room. Huge kitchen. Loads of extras. Mica Laken 226-9770.

***PROMENADE TOWERS JUST LISTED!**
Luxury suite. Ultra eat-in kitchen. 2 large bdrms. Master en suite. Joe Salomon 226-9770.

ALLAN Spivak LTD REALTOR

***PARK LIKE SETTING FOREST HILL**
10 year old home boasts 4 bdrms, 5 baths, 3 fireplaces, perfect location for executive or children. April '88 possession. $439,000 E. Spivak 787-1827.

***ABCDEFG . . . POOL! TUVWXYZ**
This home has everything from A to Z. Included: a heated pool, C.A.C. mod. kit. & bath. Downtown convenience. Park-like setting. $349,000. Elizabeth Spivak 787-1827.

***NORTH YORK $198,500**
4 bdrms, semi - in immaculate condition. Modern kit. Gleaming hardwood. Fin. lower. Marla Lehberg 787-1827.

***FIRST AD! RIDGEGATE!**
Fabulous large 5 bdrm family home. Centre hall with sunken living room. Huge family room. Fin. lower with 6th bdrm for help. $444,500 Bernie Goldhar 787-1827.

***STEPS TO PROMENADE! $239,900**
2,300 sq. ft. of easy living on ... escent. 4 bdrms. Large eat-in kit. Family room with fire... Sold ... Sam Luong 787-1827.

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BATHURST - FINCH NEAR TTC
$209,000 Luxury penthouse on Antibes, 2 large bedrooms, 2 full baths, new white kitchen, Florida ceiling, walkout to full length balcony from open concept living/dining room. B. Cygelfarb 223-2110.

BATHURST / GLENCAIRN
Just listed. 4 bedroom home built by owner, walk to synagogue, shops, school. $599,000. D. Abraham 783-3333.

CONDO! CONDO! CONDO!
Glencairn Subway: 360 Ridelle; 2 bdrm. corner view, indoor pool, sauna, access to shops, $159,000. 155 Marlee 2 bdrm.; 3 bdrm., shabat elev., pool, sauna, balcony, $149,000 - $179,000. For more information call D. Abraham 783-3333.

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1 Houses For Sale

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JOG TO EDWARDS GARDENS!
$289,900. Pretty "House & Gardens" 3 + 1 bedroom bungalow on huge lot, basement has separate entrance, perfect in-law apt. Double garage. Betty Strong 449-2020.

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TOWNHOUSE GEM — NO CONDO FEES!
$294,500. Excellent design, quality finish freehold townhome. 3 bdrm., fulll ensuite bath, main fam. rm. + frplce., double gar. Bayview-Finch. Sandi Kert 449-2020.

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BUY THIS FOR XMAS MOVE IN SPRING
$409,000. On cul-de-sac close to Bayview-Finch. Charming livable 4 bdrm. fam. home. Cosy den on mn. Gracious liv. rm. Beautiful rec. rm. Hilary Cohen 449-2020.

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BAYVIEW/STEELES BUNGALOW
$410,000. 3 + 1 bedroom. Eat-in kit. Main floor family rm. w/o to garden. Shows well! Magnificent lot 103' x 146'. Neutral decor thruout. Michele Church 449-2020.

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SUPER VALUE! YORK MILLS GARDENS!
$438,000. Make an offer! 75' x 186' + inground pool! Fabulous renovation, custom kit. & baths! Prof. fin. lower level! New mechanics! Terry Moranis 449-2020.

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YORK MILLS AREA — MINT CONDITION
$439,000. Delightful 4 bdrm. 2 storey near schools & TTC. Large Liv. rm. with fpl. Raised din. rm., kit., wonderful family rm. + OBFP. 3 baths. Sue Feldman 487-4343.

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VILLAGE MEWS — LAWRENCE/DON MILLS
$227,000. Ground floor condo suite, 2 bedrooms or den, w/o to patio, 4 appliances included. Broadloom, short walk to shopping & bus. Nancy Dunlop 449-2020.

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4 BEDRMS. LAWRENCE & UNDERHILL!
$229,000. On cul-de-sac, ready for new owner! 4 appliances included. Finished recreation rm., wet bar, hardwood floors! Early possession! Nancy Dunlop 449-2020.

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HOUSE WITH INCOME
$249,000. Priced right! Bathurst-Wilson 3 bdrm. 2 storey. Lovely garden, lower level apartment. Hilary Cohen 449-2020.

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ENJOY TOMORROW — BUY TODAY!
$559,900. Greenlane/Leslie. Custom 4 bdrm. Den + fam. rm. on main. Splendid atrium foyer. 5 baths. Lower level rec. rm., games & guest rms. H. Cohen 449-2020.

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NEW HOMES AT LESLIE/YORK MILLS!
From $599,000. Well known Toronto builder — over 3,200 sq. ft. 4/5 bdrms., library + fam. rm. Unbeatable value! For plans + schedule call B. Barker/H. Blaug 449-2020.

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YORK MILLS — SPLENDOUR
$549,000. 5 bdrms. Custom kit. Quality brdlm. Open spacious ceramic foyer, glamorous walkout bsmt. K. Shiu 449-2020.

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EVERYTHING YOU COULD DREAM OF!
$749,000. 1st ad! Ravine + pool. Greenlane & Leslie. Exquisite custom 4 bdrm. — 2 ensuites. Den & fam. rm. plus outstanding w/o lower level. Hilary Cohen 449-2020.

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YORK MILLS TUDOR "THE BEST"
$895,000. Sensational renovation, custom kit., 5 + bdrms., library + fam. rm. w/o to pool. Skylites + marble!! One of a kind quality! H. Blaug/B. Barker 449-2020.

MIDTOWN PROPERTIES

TIRED OF A MUTUAL DRIVE??
$239,000. For this super 3 bdrm. semi at Avenue Rd./Lawrence. Oversized rms., private drive, pretty garden. For details & appt. Sandra Goodwin 487-4343.

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$314,900. Attractive 3 + den sidesplit in up-to-date condition! Young families like the feeling here! Schools & churches very close! Judy Hammond 449-2020.

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DOWNTOWN VICTORIAN EXTRAVAGANZA
$339,000. 3 storey 5 bdrms. Contextually perfect street, ½ renovated with marble master ensuite. Skylites, fireplace, but still needs TLC. Allan Consky 487-4343.

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WORTH EVERY DOLLAR! FOREST HILL
$588,000. Bright, spacious and cosy 3 storey, 5 + bdrm. Home on lovely lot. Tudor charm, fireplace, main floor powder rm. Leaded windows. Myrna Budd 487-4343.

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BAYVIEW POST RD. EXCLUSIVE STREET
$1,200,000. 80 x 280 lot. 3 yrs. new. Builder's home. 4,100 sq. ft. ranch bungalow, 5 bdrms. 2 family rms. Quality & style. Suitable for in-laws. Judy Horvath 449-2020.

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1 Houses For Sale

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SPRING FARM — CHOICE BUY!
Just listed! Decorated, 4 bdrm., mn. flr. laundry, fin. lower level with maid's rm., 4 wshrms., immaculate. Evelyn Pollock, 731-7111.

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BATHURST-STEELES — FAMILY PARADISE!
Quiet cres., fin. bsmnt., playroom, 4 bdrm., mn. flr. fam. rm., fenced garden, sauna, near parks. Robin Korman, 731-7111.

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SPRING FARM — WIFE PLEASER!
Super spacious 3 bdrm., mn. flr. fam. rm., skylight, grey & white tones, 6 mos. new, imm. poss. Ted Waxman, 731-7111.

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EDMUND SEAGER ESTATES — DESIGNER HOME
Reduced! Gorgeous 4 bdrm., 4 bths., mn. flr. libr. & fam. rm., open concept, gourmet kitch., 60' lot. Dillon Jones, 731-7111.

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BATHURST-STEELES — TRY AN OFFER!
Super 3 bdrm., mn. flr. fam., premium lot, 5 appls., C-A/Vac, decorated! $219,900. Ted Waxman, 731-7111.

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NEW WESTMINSTER — PROMENADE — BIG & LOVEABLE
Almost new! Centre hall, 4 bdrms., mn. flr. laundry & fam., shows like a model! Super value! $289,900. Mike James, 731-7111.

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BATHURST-STEELES — RENT BEATER
Charming 3 bdrm. townhouse, fin. bsmnt., new broadloom, hdwd. flrs. throughout, tasteful decor, Dillon Jones, 731-7111.

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BATHURST-YORK HILL — SUPER STARTER!
Reduced! 3 bdrm., master ensuite, fin. bsmnt., dble. gar., $ in extras, quiet cres. $199,900. Ted Waxman, 731-7111.

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BATHURST-NORTH — HERE'S YOUR CHANCE!
Vendor bought! Immaculate 3 bdrm. link, cathedral ceiling, super fam. rm., fin. bsmnt. $181,900. Marilyn Ray, 731-7111.

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DON MILLS-STEELES — WYCLIFFE-BUILT
Reduced! Exec. 3 bdrm. townhome, lg. eat-in kitch., fam. rm., firepl., extras! $179,500. Joey Taylor, 731-7111.

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BAYVIEW NORTH — MUST BE SEEN!
3 bdrm. semi, open concept, professionally fin. bsmnt., Homes & Gardens decor. Must be seen! $189,900. Marilyn Ray, 731-7111.

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BATHURST-STEELES — IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE!
Lovely 6 rm. semi bung., fin. bsmnt., sep. entrance, appls., air. Try an offer! Ted Waxman, 731-7111.

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DON MILLS-STEELES — A RARE FIND!
Fantastic 3 bdrm. end unit townhome, cathedral ceiling, extras galore, near all amenities. Hurry! Ellen Fisher, 731-7111.

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BATHURST-CLARK
New 3 or 4 bdrms, 2 storeys, large kits., fam. rms., w/o's, dbl. garages, steps to everything. 633-7373.

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BATHURST-YORK DOWNS
Estate sale. Unique 4 bdrms., custom built on ravine lot. Huge liv. & din., fam. rm., fireplace, large kit., 3 bths., fin. lower level, w/o's, dbl. gar. Extras. 633-7373.

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BLUE FOREST AREA
2 storey, 3 bdrms., liv. & din. comb., mod. kit., 2 bth.., fin. bsmt., w/o to ravine lot, gar. Steps to all. 633-7373.

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Custom built 3 bdrms. + den, huge liv. & din. Large kit., appls., 3 bth., fin. bas., dbl. gar. 633-7373.

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5 rooms, 2 good size bdrms., mod. kit., 2 bth., fin. bsmt., gar. Move-in cond. 633-7373.

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YONGE-FINCH
Large 3 bdrm, 2 bath, huge liv. & din., eat-in kit., fin. bsmnt., 2 fireplaces, 2 car gar. Don't miss. 633-7373.

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CLARK-BATHURST
2,700 sq. ft. + fin. bsmt., sauna, rec. rm. 2 bdrms., 4 baths, very special house, $294,900; loads of extras. Sally Rosen, 884-4425.

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BATHURST-STEELES
3 townhomes - from $159,000. 3 baths, appl., air, garage, nice community. Sally Rosen, 884-4425.

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333 CLARK
Reduced! $144,900. 2 bdrms. + solarium, 2-4 pce. baths, suit handicapped, 1st flr., fabulous complex. Sally Rosen, 884-4425.

YORK HILL BLVD.!!!!
Bathurst & Clark, elegant & spacious detached 4 bdrm. Must sell!! Sol Anter or Miriam Lorber 663-6000 Simcoe R.E. Ltd. Rltr.

2 Houses For Sale Private

New! - Bathurst/Sheppard - 5 bedroom, 2 storey, 4,200 sq. ft., 60 ft. frontage, many upgrades. Walk to synagogue. $650,000. 226-9148.

Finch/Bathurst - Semi, 2,100 sq. ft., 4 bedrooms, 2½ baths, hardwood floors, ceramic tiles, finished basement with walkout, 2 fireplaces, garage. 665-2059.

Bathurst/Finch - Beautiful townhouse, fully upgraded, 4 bedroom plus one, finished basement. 1 Lime Treeway. 736-0131. **Open house** - Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 19 and 20. 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Finch/Wilmington - executive, large 2 storey, 4 bedroom, cathedral ceilings, 4 baths, beautiful Hollywood kitchen, finished basement with wet bar, walk-out to graded ravine lot, double garage. Private. No agents. 633-1874.

3 Houses For Rent

Bathurst/Sheppard (Wild Gingerway) - Luxury 3 bedroom townhouse, recreation room, 2½ baths, central air, garage, 5 appliances, quality broadloom. Immaculate. $1,350. January 1st. References. 782-7930.

Bathurst/Elgin Mills - 4 bedroom, new home. 633-6063. No agents.

BATHURST-CLARK. - Gorgeous new 2,600 sq. ft., 3 bdrm. + fam. rm., $1,150. Marilyn Ray, Ungerman Realty Rltr. 731-7111.

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5 Condominiums For Sale

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3000 BATHURST
Spacious 2 bdrms. Condo, near Lawrence, asking $192,000. **Robert Wong 977-0578.**

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80 Antibes - 3 bedroom luxury, 2 baths, south-west corner, solarium, 6 appliances. 223-3657. Immediate possession.

6 Condominiums For Rent

7601 Bathurst Street, Apt. 217
Bathurst and Centre
Executive condo $179,900. 2 Brdm, 2 Baths, Sunroom, Professionally decorated, complete rec centre. Call Samantha Young 493-2311, 493-8013. **KELLY AND KRAAG LTD., REALTOR.**

Yonge/Sheppard - Luxury 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom, 5 appliances, full recreation facilities, balcony, extras. 24th floor, south-west, on subway. $1,350 inclusive all utilities and t.v. cable. 221-7204.

- **Yonge-Hillcrest Mall.** 2 bd. + sunrm. + balc., $1,195.
- **Yonge-Shepp. Madison Centre.** Lg. 2 bd., corner unit, $1,395.
- **131 Torresdale.** 1 bd. + sunrm. 5 appls., ground flr. $995.
- **Yonge-Finch. Skyview.** Lg. 2 bd + sunrm., $1,395.
- **Bathurst-Steeles.** 3 bd., $1,250

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7 Condominiums For Rent/Sale

100 Antibes - 3 bedroom, 2 bathrooms. No agents. 638-2323.

9 Accommodation Available

Bathurst/Steeles - Spacious room in 3 bedroom apartment, kosher kitchen, private bathroom, walk-in closet, cable, parking included. $375 monthly. Female, non-smoker, suitable for student. 447-7219 days.

11 Shared Accommodation

BATHURST-STEELES
Female non-smoker to share luxury 3 bdrm + rec room. Executive townhse. 2½ baths. 5 appliances. Fireplace. Central air. 1 min to TTC, shops. **Call Eva Halas 481-2451.**

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Bathurst/Wilson - Male to share very large apartment. Kosher preferred. 783-3889 mornings/late evenings.

Thornhill - 3rd female, 20's, to share home with same. Parking available. Close to transit. Reasonable. Call 737-8500.

12 Apartments For Rent

2 bedroom basement apartment for rent - large living room, kitchen dinette, 4 piece bathroom, fully carpeted and tiled throughout, new appliances, separate side entrance, laundry room available, parking. Rental $750/month. Please call 785-9666 to see beautiful newly constructed apartment, Bathurst/Wilson area. Would be suitable for students or married couple with child.

3000 Bathurst - Beautiful 2 bedroom, 2 bathrooms, 5 appliances. 486-0409.

Bathurst-Sheppard - Newly renovated 1 bedroom basement apartment including: living/dining room, kitchen, bathroom, broadloom, non-smoker. $575. 633-6759.

Furnished apartment at Bathurst and Sheppard, available Feb. 1. Please call 736-6664.

13 Cottages For Rent

Two year round. 3 and 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, furnished, equipped, 5 minutes to Gravenhurst, lakefront, 55 acres - ideal for cross-country skiing and snowmobiling. No pets. Immediate until May 1988. Available by month, week. References. 705-687-6907.

17 Florida Property For Rent

Sunny Isle - Furnished 4 - 6 mos. 1 bed, 1½ b. (305) 947-7706. #218, 16919 N. Bay Rd., Miami Beach, Florida 33160.

2 bedroom apartment for pensioners in "Skylake," North Miami Beach with private pool and lake on property. Opposite shopping plaza. Seasonal or yearly rental. Available Jan. 1st, 1988. Call Jay Glasser (416) 698-9551.

Hollywood - on beach block. 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, furnished, 8th floor, swimming pool, whirlpool. 3 months starting Jan. 1st/88. $1,500 monthly. 201-886-2134 evenings.

T'House on Aventura Turnberry golf course. 2 B.R., 2½ baths, from 1/7/88, 3 or 4 Mo. $1,500 per Mo. Alex Hauser, Assoc. (305) 931-4143.

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Magnificent Villa, Inverrary, Ft. Lauderdale. 3 bedrooms/baths, decorator furnished, children's recreation, shops, sports. Weekly/monthly/seasonally/Christmas. Ideal for family/2 couples. 445-2832/443-9370. Also 2 bedroom, North Miami Beach.

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Naples - Condo, available month of Jan. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, golf, tennis, pool. $1,600 U.S. monthly + utilities. 1-412-828-8981.

18 Florida Property For Sale

2 bedrooms, 2 baths, corner condo. Sacrifice. $55,000 U.S. Furniture optional. 1-305-741-0982. Sunrise, Florida.

19 Florida Property For Rent

Miami Beach/Biscayne Island - Furnished 1 bedroom garden apartment near marina and shopping. $700 monthly. 223-1593.

23 Office Space

Bathurst/Wilson $170.00, 125 sq. ft., air, parking. Immediate. Mr. Weinper, 630-2810 or 635-9233.

Doctor required for new medical building in Richmond Hill. Ground floor. Bayview Ave. across from new synagogue in new 6,000-home Bayview subdivision. Already leased to dentist, optometrist and chiropractor. Only 1 suite left. June '88 occupancy. 773-5555.

24 Properties Wanted

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HOUSES, Apartments Wanted. MLS Service. George Baron Rltr., 221-6901.

26 Commercial/ Land Sales/Lease

Property manager seeking commercial properties to manage in Southern Ontario. 731-4567.

27 Investment Properties

For Sale - Delicatessen - middle Eastern Food. Good location, Eglinton/Bathurst. Makes $5,000/wk. 789-3843.

28 Announcements

Rooms, basement apartments, apartments to share. Call Jewish Information Service, 635-5600.

29 Social Announcements

She's a doll

Lechcier-Kimel, Jack and Mahvash announce with delight the birth of their daughter, Elana Simone, weighing 8 lbs. 4 oz., on Wednesday, November 25, 1987. A beautiful sister for Leila, Rachel and Herschel, and one more armful for proud grandmother Mrs. Masha Kimel. Special thanks to Dr. L. Tanzer and the wonderful nurses at Mt. Sinai Hospital.

31 Cars For Sale

'84 Pontiac Acadian - Metallic gray, 4 door hatchback, power steering, power brakes, automatic transmission, in-line block heater, 60,000 Km. Certified. Good condition - 960-9115. Best Offer.

34 Employment Opportunities

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34 Employment Opportunities

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Salary: $11.08 — $12.25 per hour

CROWN EMPLOYEE POSITION

Duties and responsibilities

A Support Clerk is required in an M.T.H.A. area office to provide assistance to the property management staff. In this position you will be involved in maintaining various records; reviewing forms for accuracy, contacting tenants, social agencies, employers, etc., to verify information, accepting rental payments, verifying information on cheques, issuing receipts, balancing cash, preparing statements and preparing input documents to adjust rental accounts.

In addition to answering the telephone, you will greet all visitors and will explain M.T.H.A. procedures and tactfully answer routine inquiries, noting complaints and directing visitors to the appropriate person.

Minimum Qualifications

Ability to communicate with tact and diplomacy. Basic and accurate mathematical skills. Some knowledge of property management. Good knowledge of revelant sections of Landlord and Tenant Act. Basic knowledge of other assisted housing programs and community agencies. Ability to organize work, establish priorities and meet deadlines. To use adding machines or calculators and to deal effectively with a variety of contacts.

NOTE: Applicants will be required to obtain typing speed of 50 w.p.m. within one year of appointment.

Location: District One (Downtown).

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CROWN EMPLOYEE POSITION

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As secretary to the District Housing Manager, you will perform an interesting variety of secretarial and clerical duties related to the daily operations of the district office. These duties will include taking dictation in shorthand transcribing into typewritten form, composing routine correspondence, compiling and maintaining data and statistical information, and assisting in preparation of regular and special reports. Additionally, you will receive and respond to inquiries from tenants, representatives of social agencies, and the general public, either in person or by telephone, using tact and discretion in all contacts.

Location: Yonge & Sheppard

OPEN TO CANDIDATES WITHIN COMMUTING DISTANCE OF METRO TORONTO

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Bendeth, Dr. Basil at Scarborough General Hospital on Wednesday, December 9, 1987. Dr, Basil Bendeth, beloved husband of Sybil, dear father of Mariam and David. Grandfather of Myles. Funeral service was held Thursday, December 10, from Steeles-College Memorial Chapel, 350 Steeles Ave. W. Interment, Bathurst Lawn Cemetery, Beth David Section. Shiva - 76 Mosedale Cres., Willowdale. In lieu of shiva gifts, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society.

Brock, Stanley on December 2, 1987, late of 1665 Bloor St. E. # 211.
Karal, Jeno on November 30, 1987, late of Baycrest Terrace.
Kastner, Helen on December 3, 1987, late of 560 Brockdale Avenue.
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Lake, Murray on December 1, 1987, late of 58 Cobblestone Drive.
Leaf, Morris on December 6, 1987, late of 597 Mapledale Avenue, London, Ontario.
Mekles, Maurice on December 6, 1987, late of 52 Neptune Drive, #7.
Orson, David on November 30, 1987, late of 25 Canyon Ave. #2102.
Szostak, Mary on December 2, 1987, late of 6161 Bathurst St. #711.
Vajda, Margaret on December 5, 1987, late of 6311 Somerled Avenue #305.
Weber, Benjamin on December 3, 1987, late of 55 Erskine Ave., #700.
Winston, Jeffrey Howard on December 1, 1987, late of 5 Fisherville Ave. #811.

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Thomas Kent on Nov. 25/87, late of 6101 Bathurst #811.
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MAZON allocates $15,000 to feed the hungry

TORONTO —

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MAZON raises funds through contributions including voluntary self-taxation at simchas like weddings and bar mitzvahs.

Recipients included two Toronto-area Jewish agencies.

The agencies are:

• Daily Bread Food Bank, Toronto, a major food bank and storage facility serving agencies across Toronto; $1,000.

• Food Bank Waterloo (Ontario) Region, a food bank serving the needs of local agencies; $1,500.

• Inland Refugee Society of British Columbia, a Vancouver support group dealing with the immediate food needs of refugees; $1,200.

• Inner City Loaves and Fishes, an emergency food program in Sydney, NS, an interfaith effort to provide food support to inner-city residents; $1,500.

• Jewish Family & Child Service of Metropolitan Toronto, for target costs of a specific Passover food program in the Jewish community; $400.

• North York Harvest, a food bank serving agencies in suburban Toronto; $1,000.

• Project Genesis - Multi-Caf, Montreal, a downtown lunch program; $1,500.

• Refuge Nazareth, Moncton, NB, a downtown refuge and relief centre; $1,000.

• Saint Francis Table, Toronto; $1,500.

• Stop 103, Toronto, an emergency food and support program serving the needs of the poor and homeless; $1,000.

• Sun Youth Organization, Montreal, an emergency food program serving the needs of the poor in the St. Urbain St. area; $1,400.

• Tomchei Shabbos, Toronto, a Sabbath food support program for needy families; $2,000.

Mazon suggests those making simchas contribute 3% of the cost of their celebration to the organization. "With these grants," says Mazon executive director Roger Hyman, "the Jewish community relates its good fortune in being able to celebrate simchas to the needs of those on society's margin."

Rabbi Arthur Bielfeld of Toronto's Temple Emanu-El is chairman of Mazon directors who include Rabbi Ronald Aigen, Harry Bick, Peter Bronfman, Donald Carr, Irwin Cotler, Frank Dimant, Golden, Mira Koschitzky, Rabbi Dow Marmur, Lloyd Newman, Phineas Schwartz, Rabbi Daniel Siegel, Herbert Solway, and Edward Waitzer.

For further information, phone (416) 783-7554, or write 534 Lawrence Ave. W., Toronto M6A 1A2.

Lunch program

Pilot project in 5 cities

Program to aid disabled find homes

TORONTO —

Disabled persons in five cities across Ontario will have better opportunities to find accessible housing through a new program recently announced by Remo Mancini, Ontario minister for disabled persons.

The Office for Disabled Persons will fund Homelink centres in London, Kitchener, Ottawa, Thunder Bay and North Bay as part of a 2-year pilot project to help disabled persons make contact with landlords who have accessible rental units available.

The minister noted that while many disabled persons had trouble finding suitable housing, landlords also reported that accessible housing was sometimes not rented.

The Homelink centres will develop and maintain computerized listings of accessible housing in the area including private units, non-profit housing and co-operatives. The listings will describe each unit's location, size, rent and level of accessibility.

Staff at Homelink centres will match the housing needs and preferences of disabled clients with suitable listings. They will also give general advice on contacting landlords.

The staff will also refer interested landlords to government financial assistance programs for making rental housing more accessible or creating new, accessible housing.

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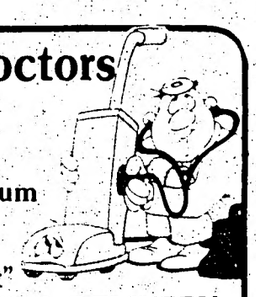

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Business Outlook

New offices for accountants

Growth spurs firm's relocation

Company offering management services

By
SAM MAINSTER

TORONTO —
The growing needs of Toronto businesses have moved the accounting firm of Zittrer, Siblin, Stein, Levine to more spacious quarters.

The firm, which added such new departments as management services for clients considering computerization, found it had no growing space in its old offices at 3 St. Clair Ave. E.

"Our tax department alone has doubled within the past year," says senior Toronto office partner Barry Tissenbaum. "We were bursting at the seams in our old office."

The firm's new office at 30 St. Clair Ave. W., down the street from its old office, has 50% more room as well as state-of-the-art decor including talking elevators.

The firm, which specializes in consultation to owner/manager businesses — mid-size companies with a local top executive — found clients in more need of specialized and intense consultation in an increasingly complicated financial world.

Besides their many specialized departments, including a government grants department, the firm determines to work closely with clients.

"We're pretty much a 24-hour business for our clients," says firm public relations officer Elaine Barbendz. "For many we act as their part-time V.P.'s of Fianance."

Zittrer, Siblin, Stein, Levine is one of the largest accounting firms in Canada. It employs over 300 people in its Toronto and Montreal offices, 100 of whom are CAs.

The firm began in 1966 with a merger between Zittrer/Siblin and Stein/Levine, though the history of Stein, Levine & Co. goes back to 1943.

Founding partner Herb Siblin gives the reason for the merger as a common outlook on accounting practices: to focus on medium-sized businesses.

As well, adds Siblin: "We were younger and they (Stein/Levine) were older, and it was a sound and useful blending of partners."

Among the firm's partners are many who are engrossed in Jewish community participation. For example, founding partners Jack Zittrer and Boris Levine are former chairmen of Montreal Community Jewish appeal compaigns; Siblin is past president of the Montreal Jewish General Hospital; and partner Gerald Slan is past president of Toronto Jewish Family & Child Service.

In addition, the firm serves as auditor for the Allied Jewish Community Services and the congregation Shaar Hashomayim, the second oldest Jewish congregation in Montreal.

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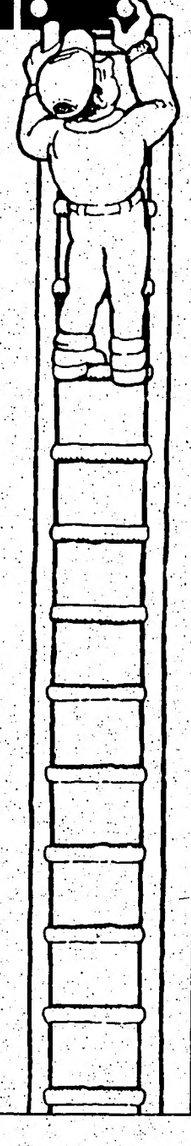

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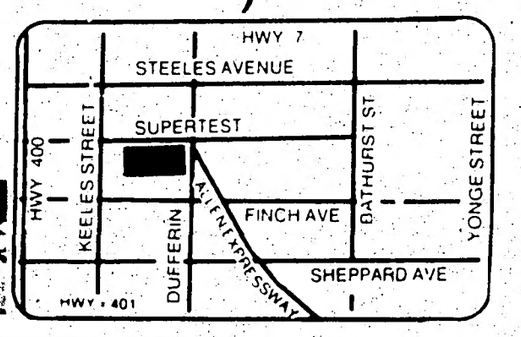

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Freedom of worship defended

Chanukah shines as symbol of liberty

By
DVORA WAYSMAN

JERUSALEM (WZPS) — Chanukah, known as the Festival of Lights, or — more correctly — the Festival of Dedication, is the only important Jewish festival that is not mentioned in the Bible.

The story is recounted in the first and Second Books of the Maccabees, which form part of the Apocrypha. It occurs each year on the Hebrew date of 25th Kislev, with candles being lit each night for eight days as a symbol of the miracle which occurred in 165 BC.

The story is well-known. Chanukah commemorates the victory of Judah the Maccabee and his tiny band of loyal followers over the forces of the Syrian king Antiochus, who tried to subdue the Land of Israel by wiping out the Jewish religion. The Greek language, gods and customs were introduced and giant sports stadiums built; the temple was defiled and a giant statue of the Greek god Zeus was placed there, with the Jews ordered to worship it.

When Judah the Maccabee's army triumphed and he re-established an independent Jewish government, his first priority was to purify the Temple.

The miracle of Chanukah is acknowledged as being that of the cruse of oil. There was just one cruse of pure oil left in the Temple, but instead of burning for just one day, as it was meant to do, it burnt for eight days until the Jews had time to acquire more.

It was also something of a miracle for such a small army to have been victorious against great battalions, but we are not told that it was due to any supernatural phenomena. It was not a miracle in the sense of other Biblical miracles . . . the parting of the sea in the crucial moment after the Exodus from Egypt; the staying of the sun in the days of Joshua; or when the great walls of Jericho came tumbling down at the blast of a trumpet.

The Jewish victory in the Chanukah story was evidently due (as in the modern Six-Day War) to superior military tactics and strategy, and a strong motivation on the part of the Jews that their ancestral faith should survive.

Nevertheless, the victory of the Maccabees appears to be the visible and perceptible enactment of God's will. The festival possesses human significance and is far more than a Jewish national celebration — it is a festival of liberty which glorifies the right of freedom of worship for all peoples.

This fight for the right to practice Judaism did not vanish with King Antiochus. The Jews of the Soviet Union are still denied this right, and "Refuseniks" continue to dwell in the darkness of oppression. Similarly, Syrian and Ethiopian Jews long for the right to worship without fear of reprisal and the right to make aliya to Israel.

The true relevance of the Festival of Lights can be felt in Israel, particularly in Jerusalem where the events of the Chanukah story took place more than 2,000 years ago.

In Israel, there is nothing to compete with our own national and religious holidays. Almost every Jerusalem home is bedecked with a Chanukiah during the eight days of the festival, and each evening the little candles are a beacon of light as voices all over the city sing Maoz Tsur.

The miracle we are proclaiming is not an act of supernatural grace. Our miracle is that the Jewish people and the State of Israel continue to survive, and that our light will never be extinguished.

"The Hasmoneans", a panel on the outdoor menorah opposite Israel's Knesset, depicting armed struggle against the Greeks for freedom of worship.

Festival embodies the spirit of modern Israel

By
YOSEF BEN SHLOMO
HaKOHEN

JERUSALEM (WZPS) — Of all the traditional Jewish holidays, Chanukah most embodies the spirit of modern Israel, for it was born out of an armed struggle by Jews fighting for freedom against an enemy more numerous and militarily stronger than itself.

If one travels to kibbutzim and moshavim throughout the land during this 8-day festival, one will hear teachers tell their students, "*we* are the heirs to the Maccabees."

There is another side to the Chanukah celebrations in Israel, and that, of course, is the religious aspect. In homes and synagogues throughout the country, Jews light the Chanukah menorah, the symbol of the nation's inner strength — the light of the Jewish spirit.

The portion of the prophets said for this holiday reads, "Not by might, nor by power, but by spirit, says the Lord of Hosts." And in the Yeshivot, the traditional centres of Torah study, Rabbis tell their students, "*we* are the heirs to the Maccabees, for it is we who are continuing the struggle against assimilation."

These two sides of Chanukah in Israel have come to reflect a growing and bitter conflict over the very definition and purpose of the Jewish state. To many secular Jews, the yeshiva world is betraying the very spirit of the Maccabees by not serving in the army and participating in the defence of the country, with the exception, of course, of the religious Zionists.

And to the spiritual leaders of these yeshivot, secular Israelis are abandoning the values that inspired the Maccabees to begin the struggle: "Did not the Maccabees fight to preserve the Sabbath when the Greeks forbade the Jews to obey the Sabbath laws?"

Of course, yeshiva students forget that the Zionist movement has always made strong efforts against assimilation, and that if there were Zionist ideologists who wanted the Jews to become a nation like any other, then there were many who called on Israel to become a light unto the nations in the spirit of the ancient prophets and sages.

Secular Jews also forget that religious Jews began building the new neighborhoods outside the Old City walls even before the modern Zionist movement began, and that some even attempted agricultural settlements, such as Petah Tikva.

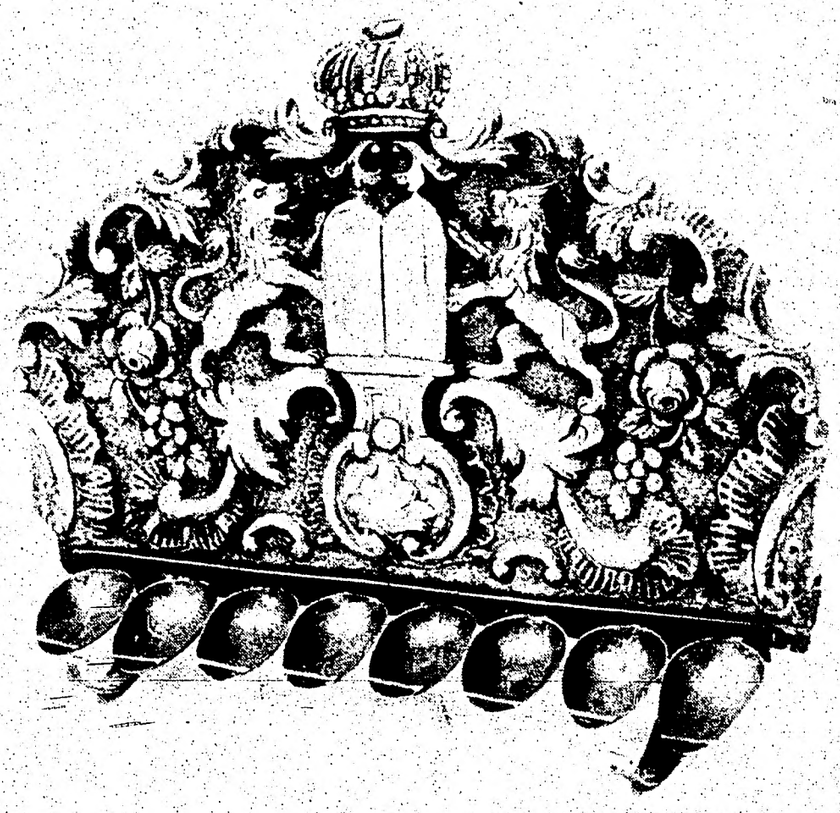
Yet somehow, Chanukah has come to represent the differences, rather than the similarities, between the two camps.

Are the two different ways of viewing Chanukah mutually exclusive? Surprisingly, the ancient prayer that the sages wrote for chanukah provides an answer. "And for the miracles, and for the salvation, and for the mighty deeds, and for the victories, and for the wonders . . . and for the battles which you performed for our forefathers at this time."

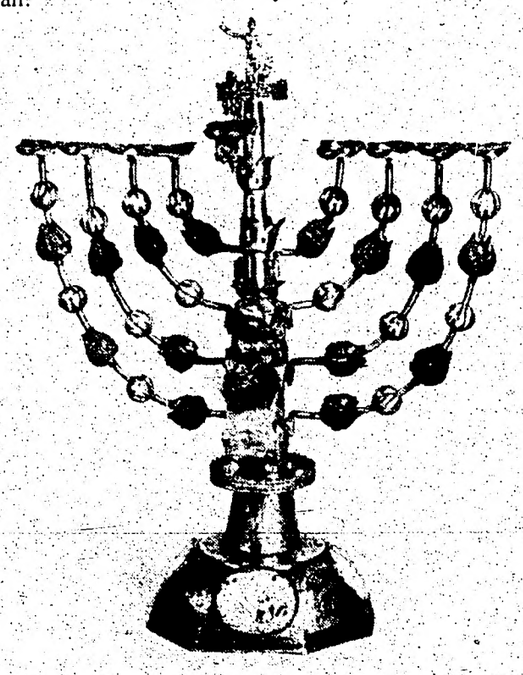
A clear reference to the Jewish military struggle is evident. But the prayer continues, "You delivered the strong into the hands of the weak, the many into the hands of the few . . . the wicked into the hands of the righteous, and the insolent into the hands of diligent students of your Torah."

And so the prayer also reminds us of the ethical and moral victory of the Jewish people. Perhaps Chanukah can therefore be seen as a celebration of both the physical and spiritual rebirth of the nation.

And perhaps in the spirit of this prayer, known as the "Al Hanisim," each side of the two debating camps in Israel will one day turn to the other and say "Shalom, my brother, you too are a Maccabee."



A 150-year-old silver Chanukah menorah from Central Europe.



Silver Chanukah menorah with enamel medallions.

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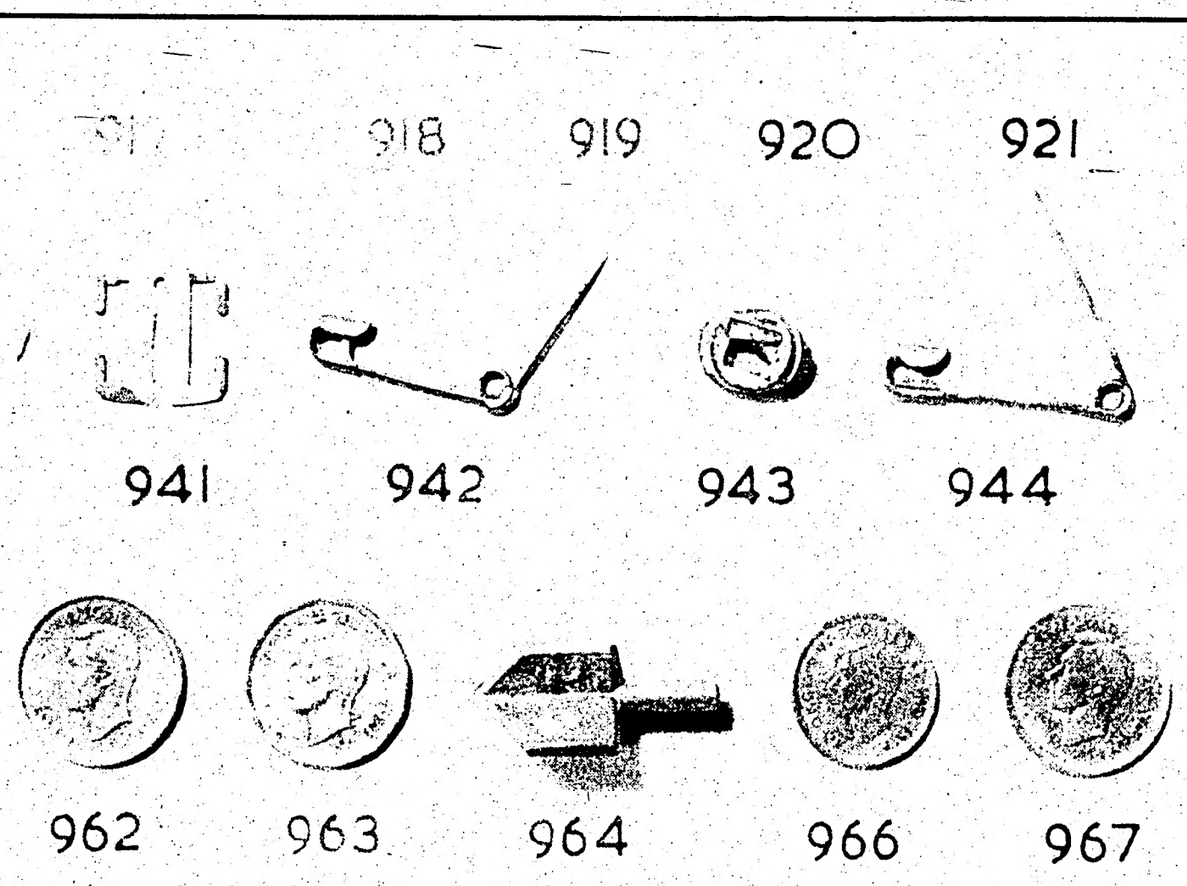


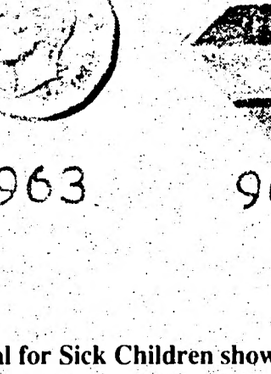
A display at the Hospital for Sick Children shows coins, pins and a dreidl that have been swallowed by children.

Dinner plate no place for kid's toy dreidl

By
FRED WEINBERG

TORONTO —

It was the first candle night of Chanukah and I had just finished lighting the chanukiah with my family and was halfway through the singing of Moaz Tsur and ready to dig into Joy's delicious potato latkes when the phone rang.



Dr. Fred Weinberg

In those days I was always on call. There were no bellboys in the early 50s — just an answering service that always knew exactly where I was night and day.

The call was urgent. A healthy 4-year-old had sudden difficult and painful swallowing after almost choking blue. This was not house-call material so I met them at the Emergency at Sick Kids.

The story was that a family had also just finished lighting their chanukiah and were digging in to their mother's potato pancakes when her young son began to choke.

A quick examination revealed the child in moderate distress and an X-ray showed a suggestive midline shadow in his chest high up. In the emergency operating room the summoned nose and throat surgeon, Dr. Bill Wallace, whom I dragged away in the middle of his sanding of hardwood floors was scrubbing while the anesthetist on call began to put the child to sleep.

In those days as a pediatrician I was part of the operating team wielding a portable fluoroscope to help direct the probing for the foreign body by the surgeon. Using a laryngoscope to open the child's airway and insert a breathing tube Dr. Code-Smith, the anesthetist notice something down in the food passage tube — the esophagus. He reached in with a pair of forceps and fished out the obstructing object while Wallace was still scrubbing.

The object in question was a dreidl, a top that the kid had been playing with and somehow it got mixed in with the potato pancakes. We all had a good laugh at the quick resolution of the situation and at my explanation of what the foreign body was.

The dreidl is now mounted in one of a series of showcases at the Hospital For Sick Children along with coins, safety pins, and an innumerable variety of other objects that have found their way down childrens' food passages and windpipes.

So mothers be careful with your latkes and make sure that you don't get any of the children's dreidls mixed in with the pancake batter. Have a happy Chanukah.

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Wide range of subjects

Great calendar selection awaits you

By
ROSE KLEINER

TORONTO —

Bookstores at this time of year offer a myriad of calendars in different sizes for the wall or desk with a wide range of subjects as their theme.

Many of the calendars come from the U.S. Yet each year, Canadian publishers seem to be making a larger and more impressive contribution to the field.

An interesting fact about 1988 calendars is that now there are some Jewish calendars which can be started in January, and which finish in December.

The Jewish Book and The Jewish Calendar 1988 are both distributed by Collier MacMillan Canada Inc. Both can be started in January, and go to the end of December, 1988.

The Jewish Calendar 1988 comes with illustrations from the famous collection of the Hebrew Union College Skirball Museum. Among the treasures illustrated in this wall calendar is a batik challah cover from the beginning of the 20th century, a European shofar with its California-made mahogany storage case, and a crocheted tallit katan for a child.

Although this calendar started in September, 1987, it continues through until Dec. 31, 1988.

The Jewish Book of Days is an attractively bound calendar, compact in size, which goes from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31. Its magnificent illustrations also come from the collection of the Skirball Museum.

This Book of Days, as stated in the introduction, is a permanent record book, not an appointment calendar. It is for keeping track of the important dates in one's life.

Included in this book are the civil and Jewish calendars for the years of 1987 to 2000. But the calendar is not limited to 1988, or any other year, as the whole book gives only the days of the week, without any dates attached.

There are special pages to record the yahrzeit dates one needs to remember. Even the Kaddish prayer is given — in Hebrew, in transliteration, and in English translation.

In addition, each space for the daily entries carries a short, and interesting, entry which is related to a different period in Jewish history.

From Georgi Publishers (New York) come some very large wall calendars, with striking illustrations. Tiffany Lamps and Windows is the subject of one of the calendars.

Another one features a collection of beautiful watercolors, Aquarelle, all of which are worthy of framing. The Erte calendar, two feet long, contains illustrations of Erte serigraphs, whose charm is unique to the work of their Russian-born creator. All the Georgi calendars have a lengthy commentary, at the back, on the background of their illustrations.

From Atlantic Monthly Press Books comes the Sketches of Picasso wall calendar. Each month has a different sketch, and each sketch has a short commentary.

The publishers of Pomegranate Calendars seem to have a larger variety of calendars on the market each year. Their calendars are available in Canada from Firefly Books Ltd. in Scarborough.

Besides such art calendars as Monet's Passion — The Gardens of Giverny, and European Masterpieces, there are many others on subjects ranging from Children of the World to English Country Life and Idylls of France. The latter portrays the beautiful vistas of France.

A series of photographs by Eugene Atget, from the National Gallery of Canada, is the subject of another Pomegranate calendar — Old France. The Redwoods, 1988 Calendar comes complete with a colored map of California, giving the locations where the magnificent trees are located.

Other art calendars from Pomegranate are Impressionism in America, and a larger than usual wall calendar entitled The Armand Hammer Collection. Here one finds frameable reproductions of works by Renoir, Chagall, Monet and Van Gogh.

Two desk calendars by Pomegranate are worth noting. The Frank Lloyd Wright Engagement Book has many Wright sketches, with quotations by the famous architect. It also contains such information as long distance area codes, world time and different measurements.

Pomegranate's Wilderness Patterns Engagement Calendar has brilliant photographs which roam over deserts, beaches, lakes and rivers for spectacular views of natural phenomena.

Canada is celebrated in a number of wonderful calendars this year. The Robert Bateman Naturalist's Diary 1988 (Madison Press) has sensitive art work, combined with a fine commentary that focuses on the natural world.

Stunning photographs of the Canadian landscape are part of the Canada 1988 Engagement Diary Calendar (Firefly Books). The McMichael Canadian Collection Calendar for the desk has the works of Clarence Alphonse Gagnon (1881-1942), with their rich and brilliant colors, on each page.

Among the many other Canadian calendars there are the Canadian Birds Engagement Diary (Key Porter Books), and the Canadian Wildflowers Engagement Calendar (Firefly Books).

New plastics eliminate need for repeat surgery

JERUSALEM —

Easier surgery; with less discomfort for the patient and fewer complications, is resulting from improved biodegradable plastic materials developed by Hebrew University of Jerusalem researchers for implantation devices such as bone supports, connecting pins, artificial blood vessels and surgical thread.

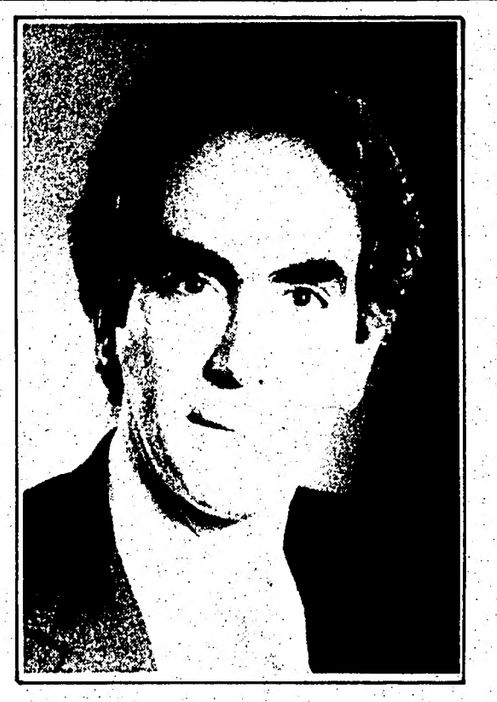
Devices made from the new plastic material will not have to be removed in a second operation, because they will slowly dissolve in the body's fluids, producing only harmless substances (usually carbon dioxide and water) which are eliminated naturally.

Doctoral candidate Hani Younes developed the new series of plastics under the supervision of Dr. Daniel Cohn, who is in charge of developing biomaterials at the Hebrew University's Casali Institute of Applied Chemistry.

This new series of plastics is highly versatile, making it well-suited to surgical implantation. It can be made up in a variety of shapes and can be made rigid, flexible or elastic.

Cohn is studying ways of using this novel material in orthopedics and in developing improved wound dressings. He also intends to adapt it for use as surgical thread that will degrade by itself after the wound has healed.

The research is being carried on in collaboration with doctors in several Israeli hospitals.



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Seen at a study session of Chavurat Hamasoret are (from left), Dini Lewittes, Jonathan Shiff, Sholom Eisenstat, Sharon Katz, and Stephen Margles.

Youth discuss Torah, Jewish issues

Pilot study group takes off

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —
Every Thursday evening, groups of young people from 18 to 25 years old meet to study Torah, and to discuss a variety of Jewish topics.

Chavurat Hamasoret was formed a year ago as an experiment, says 21-year-old Jonathan Shiff who is the coordinator of the new venture.

"We are very pleased with the success of this program," says Shiff. "By the end of our first season, we had more than 15 committed participants. And this season, we have already doubled the number of people who come to the classes regularly."

He says that many of the regulars are students or those just beginning a career who want to supplement their Jewish education. "For some of them, it is the only Jewish education they are involved with."

Shiff, who was the program director at Camp Ramah for the past two years, and has been the coordinator of the youth program at the Beth Tzedec Congregation for four years, established the young adult education program for the Conservative movement when he discovered that there was a demand for such a group.

He says he was asked by many camp counsellors at Ramah and fellow students at the University of Toronto where he is in his third year of a Bachelor program, where they could take Judaic studies for a few hours a week on an informal basis. He discovered that the Rabbinical Assembly was also interested in starting such a program, so Shiff agreed to head the pilot project.

"We are very excited about the new program," he comments. "It is providing contact with our traditions and Jewish issues for a growing number of young adults."

Shiff attended the United Synagogue Day School and graduated from the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto. He says he is committed to Jewish education. "I see Chavurat Hamasoret as a program that provides young people with a positive kind of contact with our religion."

On Thursday evening, two sessions are offered at the Adath Israel Congregation at 37 Southbourne Ave. — at 7.30 p.m., a Torah studies group is led by Sholom Eisenstat which uses both traditional and modern commentaries, and at 8.45, there is a discussion group on topical Jewish issues led by scholars and experts in their field.

This season the topics have included Community Relations, Jewish Identity, Jewish Self-hatred, Religion in Israel, Faith in the wake of the Holocaust, and Conservative Judaism — Tradition or Change.

"Because of the varying levels of education of the people who have joined the study groups," says Shiff, "all the classes are taught in English." He stresses that the intellectual level of the classes is "advanced."

Each class is taught as an independent unit so that people who cannot attend every session, or who join now that the sessions have started, do not feel lost.

"It is great to see people with little or no Jewish education learning together with yeshiva graduates," he notes. "They all feel comfortable at Chavurat Hamasoret and participate in deep theological discussions as well as contemporary issues."

Young people from all segments of the community are invited to join the group which is sponsored by the Rabbinical Assembly, Camp Ramah, The United Synagogue and the Jewish Educators' Assembly.

For more information about the Chavurat Hamasoret program, call Jonathan Shiff at (416) 789-2193.

Dialogue helps destroy "walls of animosity"

By
VIVIEN SHARON

TORONTO —
The perpetuation of Christian-Jewish dialogue is vitally important for amicable, open relations between the faiths, said Rabbi Erwin Schild before the Arthur J. Siggner Memorial Lecture held at Adath Israel Congregation.

The event, held under the auspices of the Arthur J. Siggner Memorial Trust, is administered by the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews and is co-sponsored by the United Synagogue of America, Ontario Region, and personal friends of the late Mr. Siggner, who was a pioneer in the field of Christian-Jewish dialogue in Toronto.

Speaking to a gathering of more than 300 people, Schild said:

"Arthur Siggner knew that the roots of racism were unfounded and that human goodness could transcend human hatred. He always dreamed of better times and was imbued with a sense of optimism that the walls of animosity would disappear."

Rabbi Ismar Schorsch, newly appointed chancellor and professor of Jewish history of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, who delivered the 1987 Arthur J. Siggner Memorial Lecture, addressed the topic of the German-Jewish experience as seen through the prism of one of its most celebrated figures — Moses Mendelssohn, a philosopher of the German Enlightenment of the 18th century.

"Mendelssohn was a harbinger of the entire community," said Schorsch. "He was a towering personality who, in his day, stood at the centre of the intellectual revolution of Central Europe. He was worshipped by German Jewry and personified what they sought to become — a religious and cultural model of great achievement."

This ideal created new levels of intellectual, esthetic and cultural awareness, anchoring Jews in the forefront and not at the periphery of German life, he said. By the mid-19th century Jews were widely represented in German universities and scholastic circles.

Not only did Mendelssohn imbue German Jewry with the values of scholarship but he also became actively involved in the struggle for the protection and the civil rights of Jews, said the rabbi.

Mendelssohn fervently believed in the separation of church and state in his hope to create a religiously neutral Germany. Thus, he felt that the domain of religious thought and practice must be independent of any power of coercion, whether of the state or of the church, he noted.

Many doors opened as a result of Emancipation, he said; yet, ironically, the Jewish community in Germany began to erode.

Mendelssohn, who pleaded for a rational Judaism based on "revealed law" rather than "revealed religion," paved the way for the Westernization of Judaism under the Emancipation. In time, synagogue life diminished in importance, and attrition and assimilation set in, he said.

"Despite the enormous intellectual achievements of the Enlightenment, in particular Mendelssohn's translation of the Bible into a readable German, German Jewry never became "insiders." They were not allowed to penetrate the core of German aristocracy nor enter the industrial world as equals," he commented.

"The Jewish experience tried to educate the German public through reason but failed," Schorsch said. "The experiment of Emancipation was noble, but it was erased by defeat, despair, and barbarism."

Others participating in the proceedings included Rev. Gordon Nodwell, chairman of the board of the Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto; Herman Gottesman, president of United Synagogue of America, Ontario Region; Rabbi Harvey Meirovich, Beth Sholom Congregation.

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Victory of the few over the many

Like Maccabees, today's Jews fight assimilation

By
RABBI
SELIG KOROLNEK

"Al Hanissim: We thank Thee for the miracles. In the days of Mattathias and his sons Thou didst champion their cause."

Many factors contributed to the victory of the Jews over the Greco-Syrian forces. I single out the least noted, yet most inspiring, miracle, that of father and sons banding together to do battle for the same cause. The striking phrase in Al Hanissim is Hashmonai Ubanav.

When parents possess the wisdom and the good fortune to secure their children's loyalty for their cherished ideals the greatest part of the battle is won. The Hellenizers did all in their power to lure Jewish youth from their parents faith. Jewish assimilationists of "those days" deliberately built gymnasia and amphitheatres in the very heart of Jerusalem, close to the Holy Temple.

Their whole purpose was to attract young Jews to the ways of the pagans. All the glitter and pomp of the "modern civilization" were displayed, and many inducements were offered, to inspire in the youth a revolt against the faith and traditions of their fathers. If the solidarity of the Jewish family could be broken and filial loyalty undermined Judaism would not last very long.

The miracle of liberation, that of clearing out the Greco-Syrians from the homeland and the cleansing of the Holy Temple of the heathen abominations, was in a large measure due to the heroism and sacrifice of those families that stood united, fathers and sons, against the foe of faith and freedom.

Thus when the King Antiochus' messengers addressed Mattathias: "Carry out the king's command and you and your sons will be distinguished with many royal commissions," then Mattathias answered in a loud voice: "I and my sons and my brothers will live in accordance with the covenant of our forefathers." (Macc. 2:18:20).

The father's voice was not only "loud," but also sure. His sons would not abandon him and his faith, their common faith.

And sons may well be the slogan for the Chanukah festival. On this occasion we also commemorate the martyrdom of Hannah and her sons. It is as if history sought to impress upon all generations following the Maccabean revolt that in the victory of the few over the many, the few were immeasurably strengthened because their sons stood by them in their struggle for liberation and dignity.

Those who against all odds maintained their integrity and closed ranks formed impregnable fortresses against the heathen invaders. Their homes served as springboards in the counterattack against the tyrant Antiochus. Those homes saved the Holy Temple and the Jewish people.

Hasmonean family stands as example

Prof. Joseph Klausner, the leading historian of that period, speaks in glowing terms of the first Maccabean family. He writes: "The Hasmonean family was most fortunate. There were five brothers, all valiant and equally devoted to their people even to the last breath. All lived at peace. And Mattathias knew the character of each son."

Again he believed wholeheartedly that his sons would complete his struggle, and his faith did not betray him. Further: "All the five sons secured the liberation of Judea with their blood."

The refrain "and sons" runs through the pages of Jewish history. Beginning with the first father and son, Abraham and Isaac, concerning it is written in the Torah "and they walked together" in response to God's all-demanding call, and all through the ages the unity and like-mindedness of parents and children stands out as a miracle which assured the vitality and continuity of the Jewish people.

To be sure, many sons and daughters fell by the wayside and yielded to the pressure or lure of the environment. But by the grace of God and the dedication of fathers and mothers to their parental tasks, Jewry never lacked strong, stalwart and loyal sons who constituted the saving remnant, the few who stood up against the many.

The youth of our days are exposed to a variety of lures and pulls which threaten Jewish survival. The "hellenizing" forces are less aggressive, more subtle, yet they remain ever with us in one form or another. We are menaced by a creeping assimilation and our families are disrupted by ever increasing number of intermarriages.

The fact that the process of disintegration comes without violent pressure, but results from "natural conditions," does not reduce the danger of Jewish survival. Our situation calls for much wisdom and preparation to withstand the invisible yet ever present germ of assimilation.

Let us on this festival take our position with the father and his sons of those days. Let us begin with the few who are courageous and stalwart in the face of a raging sea of ignorance and conformity. Let our fathers train sons in the tradition of the Hasmoneans, the tradition of Torah and education to high ideals.

With the help of God we shall gain and retain the wholehearted loyalty of our children, and we too shall leave a record of triumph for God and His people, if we hold fast the slogan of father and son.

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Secular versus traditional programs

Forum examines need to attract youth to Judaism

By
PHIL FINE

TORONTO —
A recent forum on the future of Toronto's Jewish youth saw overwhelming agreement on the need to bring young people back to Judaism but no consensus on how it should be done.

The forum, at North York's Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, drew a crowd of about 80 men and women, mostly middle-aged, and featured a panel of representatives from both Jewish youth and community groups.

Shaarei Shomayim's Rabbi Henry Hoschander, who acted as moderator, said the idea for the forum came from a couple in his own congregation who are concerned about what they believe is the large number of Jewish youth between 13 and 18 who are either falling away from Judaism or who have been lost altogether.

The first part of the evening saw two of the adult panelists square off over whether secular activities or a program of traditional Jewish culture was best calculated to win Jewish Youth to Judaism.

Rabbi Nosson Westreich, regional director of the National Conference of Synagogue Youth, said his organization believes young people have to be made aware of Judaism--but on traditional Jewish terms.

Some event, he suggested, was needed which could attract Jewish youth and, having done so, make them aware of Judaism through what he called a "positive Jewish experience".

Westreich admitted that people like himself were not reaching the majority of Toronto's Jewish young people.

But former Toronto Mayor Phil Givens, who was representing the Canadian Zionist Federation, disagreed with Westreich's prescription. What was needed, Givens said, were organized Jewish sports leagues in football and hockey or even programs in other activities such as music.

He suggested that Westreich's insistence youth be won over, but only on NCSY's terms, was part of the reason why Toronto's young Jews were deserting their faith.

That drew a sharp retort from Westreich who said any secularization of young Jews in Toronto could be blamed on what he said was the apathy of the Toronto Jewish community itself. Westreich also said sports programs by themselves were useless unless they contained some Jewish content to attract and hold young people's attention.

Albert Benabou, executive director of the CZF's Youth and Hechalutz, suggested young people could be attracted to Judaism if they were given some sort of community challenge.

He also said the Zohar, (a mystical commentary on the Pentateuch) if popularized, could serve as an ideal for young people and that youth should be given seats on the executive of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

Panelist Mira Koschitzky, chairperson of the national executive of the CJC's Ontario Region, asked the panel's three young people — all representatives of Jewish youth organizations — what they and their organizations wanted the Toronto Jewish Congress to do.

Anton Katz, 18, of the B'Nai B'rith Youth Organization, said he hadn't known the TJC was a possible resource but that it could provide BBYO with more publicity.

Jack Gilad, also 18, of Nahon, the North American High School Organization Network, told Koschitzky the Toronto Jewish community is not providing youth groups with enough money.

"If this generation is not worth spending time and money on," he said, referring to youth his own age, "there will not be a next generation."

In a question period at the end of the evening, members of the audience suggested a number of reasons for the waning of Judaism among young people.

Leonard Bernstein of Toronto, who said parents have the responsibility of imparting Yiddishkeit to young people, blamed rising affluence among Jews for the loss of Jewish faith among youth.

"In synagogues," he told the forum, "you don't hear about Jacob or about the Parshas. You hear: 'I'm going away to Florida. I'm going away to Palm Springs."

Anne Cooper of Willowdale asked the panel why young Jews seemed to be attracted to cults and organizations like Jews for Jesus.

Koschitzky responded that the Toronto Jewish community was so filled with organizations and organized activities that adults, unlike those in Jews for Jesus, couldn't seem to spare the necessary time with young people.

Koschitzky's response prompted Westreich to urge the panel not to hold yet another meeting but to take immediate action.

In his closing remarks, Hoschander told the forum a strong effort would be made to deal again with the issue at a follow-up meeting at Shaarei Shomayim. The Toronto Orthodox community, he told The Canadian Jewish News, would make a concerted effort to hire an assistant youth director to help young people who want to draw closer to both the Toronto Jewish community and to the Orthodox community.

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Sunnybrook staff member Lina Milone shows York-Finch General Hospital staff how new information system works.

Help control costs

Hospitals share computer

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

TORONTO —

Sunnybrook Medical Centre is hoping to share its revolutionary new health care computer information system with York-Finch Hospital.

Officials of both hospitals recently gathered at the Sunnybrook centre to celebrate an agreement that could eventually lead to the system's mutual use.

"It's something that other hospitals that may not be as large as ourselves would have difficulty in establishing themselves," acting Sunnybrook president Peter Ellis told the reception.

"And so the opportunity to talk about sharing that with York-Finch in particular and other hospitals in general was for us a very exciting one."

The first phase of the system — designed to track all hospital costs including treatment of individual patients — is already up and running at Sunnybrook.

Jointly provided by IBM and Baxter Corp., the health care information system is believed to be the most sophisticated of its kind in Canada, and possibly in North America.

When fully implemented, it will allow hospital officials to manage their institution more effectively and control health care costs.

Thousands of Sunnybrook patients — including 10,000 active files — have already been inputed into the Sunnybrook system which will primarily be used by administrators, doctors and nurses.

Data includes each patient's name, location, status, admitting date, service performed, attending physician, sex and hospital file number.

The system — to be used in the admitting, health data resources, radiology, and lab system departments — will be in full operation by the end of 1988.

By next fall the hospital's general ledgers, accounts payable, payroll, personnel data and an integrated costing system will already be on computer.

York-Finch Hospital is hoping to go on-line as soon as administrators there give the go-ahead.

"We're looking forward to investigating the system in more detail over the next few months," York-Finch president Michael O'Keefe said.

Haverim pursues goal

Reviving Jewish radicalism

"Too much energy devoted to Israel"

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

Winnipeg's Haverim organization believes the Jewish radical tradition has an honored place in this country's history and that they are trying to bring the Jewish radical back into the Jewish community.

In recent decades, the group says, a combination of economic prosperity and East-West tensions has weakened the radical movement to a point where its voice is barely audible.

The Haverim was formed last spring around Pesach for the purpose of "presenting and embodying the progressive position in regard to Israel and the Middle East, the Jewish community in Winnipeg and on matters of social justice in Canada.

"There are many Jews in Winnipeg and elsewhere in Canada who are politically on the left, play a prominent role in Canadian politics in general but are not being heard in the Jewish community," said Henry Heller, chairperson of Haverim and a professor of early and modern French history at the University of Manitoba.

"We felt frozen out," Heller said. "Many of us have strong Jewish identities but we had been made to feel marginalized. We had no means of expressing our socially progressive points of view. Thus we formed Haverim."

The group numbers about 40 people, many of them academics and civil servants. Among its better known members are Mitch Podolak, the founding father of Winnipeg's famed Folk Festival, and Cy Gonick, an economics professor at the University of Manitoba, editor of Dimension, and a former New Democratic Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Group members, according to Heller, believe post-war Jewish communities devote too much energy and too many resources to Israel, weakening their own vitality in the process.

"There is a tendency today to be a Jew by proxy by one's support of Israel," he said.

While Haverim members accept Israel as a reality, they generally favor peace talks with the PLO which they regard as the voice of the Arab population in the West Bank and Gaza.

"We are trying to counter the incredibly closed mind all too evident both here and in Israel," said Heller. "We feel there has been a loss of flexibility to see things in rational ways, a loss of passion for peace."

Heller said Haverim members have found a good degree of tolerance for their point of view within the community. "We are trying to expand our base to attract as many people as we can," he added. "We want to create programs that will appeal to the Jewish community as a whole.

"We are also looking for some sort of context in which we can celebrate the Jewish holidays," he said. "We had 100 people at our Pesach seder last year and we had a good turnout at a public meeting on the meaning of the Holocaust with guest speaker Benjamin Beit-Hallahmi, a psychology professor at Haifa University."

Heller describes the beliefs of Haverim as rooted in the Jewish radical and prophetic traditions. "Ours was the original Liberation Theology," he said. "We want to recover that sensibility in the Jewish community."

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Both are fiercely proud of Jewish heritage

Brothers go different routes as rabbi, comic

NEW YORK —

One brother is brash, fast-talking and irreverent — a Borsht Belt comic turned Broadway star who wows 'em nightly in his own 1-man show that he had the chutzpah to call, The World According To Me.

The other brother is quiet, soft-spoken and deeply religious — a scholar and rosh yeshiva whose students revere him and who has just written a talmudic interpretation of the Holocaust as an instrument of divine design, which he has called, With Fury Poured Out.

Pair very close

The are Jackie Mason and Bernard Maza. Both were trained as rabbis, but while they have taken radically different paths in life, the brothers are extremely close and are deeply committed to exploring the nature and purpose of man and his place in the divine order.

The two appeared in public together for the first time (along with Barry Slotnick and Emil Cohen) at a recent benefit for the Simon Wiesenthal Center in New York's Town Hall.

Jackie Mason

Rabbi Bernard Maza

Mason uses the Broadway stage to regale capacity audiences with his witty and penetrating observations on politics and people. Though far removed from the Orthodox training of his youth, he remains fiercely proud of his Jewish heritage and the achievements of the Jewish people. **Maza, who has remained within the traditional fold — he is dean of Bais Medrash REM, a yeshiva where students at Queens College and Brooklyn College continue with advanced talmudic studies — has spent the past two decades seeking the answers to the inexplicable: the "why" of the Holocaust in which six million died.**

Maza's provocative conclusion is contained in a book published this year with the imprimatur of his teacher, the late Rav Moshe Feinstein, the leading decisor of Jewish law until his death in 1986.

In this work, entitled With Fury Poured Out: A Torah Perspective on the Holocaust (Ktav Publishing House, 235 pp.), Rabbi Maza advances the provocative thesis that, far from being a divine punishment for man's sins, the Holocaust was an instrument of G-d's grand design — as foretold by the Prophet Ezekiel — to bring redemption to the Jewish people through a renaissance of Torah learning and observance.

The quote on which he bases his thesis — and hence the title of the book — comes from Ezekiel: "As I live, says the Lord, only with a strong hand and an outstretched arm — and with fury poured out — will I be king over you."

Ezekiel prophesied that the beginning of redemption for the Jewish people would be preceded by a "great fury."

As Maza points out in the historical backdrop of his volume, Torah Judaism was in a state of dramatic decline throughout the world on the eve of World War II. To reverse this trend, to bring about a renaissance of Torah Judaism throughout the world, he argues, required the martyrdom of the righteous. Hence, the road to the Kingdom of Heaven would have to be preceded by the "fury poured out" of Ezekiel — the Holocaust.

With the rebirth of the State of Israel and the rapid spread of Torah studies both there and in the United States, the rabbi states, the sun of Torah has risen again. The prophecy of Ezekiel has been fulfilled.

On the role of Israel in Jewish life, at least, the brothers seem to agree. Speaking recently about what he called "the new Jewish mentality that Israel made possible," Jackie Mason said:

"Jews always felt they were a besieged, beleaguered minority that couldn't fight back. After the Holocaust there was an astonishing transformation, something that might otherwise have taken hundreds of years to achieve. Israel was born and Israeli Jews became the best fighters in the world, giving Jews throughout the world a new sense of pride in their accomplishments."

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BGU algae research to aid Negev farms

By
ANCIL KASHETSKY

TORONTO —

Researchers at Ben-Gurion University in Beersheba are close to a major breakthrough in algae development which will bode well for the future growth and development of the Negev, as well as potentially make other desert regions in the world bloom, says Leo Marcus, national campaign director of Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion.

Marcus, who recently returned from an 8-day visit to Israel, said use of algae in agriculture will make the Negev more fertile, and he called on Canadian Jews to play a major role in this development by garnering the resources to help the Israeli researchers.

He said that Ben-Gurion University is more than a university. "It's a laboratory for the whole Negev which needs more facilities and expertise to speed up the breakthrough in aquatic engineering which is around the corner."

Marcus, who spent eight years living in Israel as former director-general of United Israel Appeal, prior to his new position with Ben-Gurion University, said as many as 16,000 people have left the Negev in the last few years because there is no sound economic base to support growth and development.

"The decline did not go unheeded by researchers at Ben-Gurion who began working on major aquatic experiments in order to make life more viable in that area which comprises 60% of Israel's total land mass."

Marcus said the Negev contains huge natural reserves of brackish water which until recently was unusable in agriculture because of its high saline content.

"A process has now been discovered to use algae as a kind of fodder which will make this water usable for agricultural purposes. This will transform the desert and bring new growth to the region."

The use of brackish water in fishponds in the Galilee has also yielded breakthroughs in the development of new breeds of fish, as well as speeding up the method of growing eels. This has given kibbutzim larger worldwide export markets and thus been a boost to their troubled economies, Marcus said.

According to Marcus, Ben-Gurion University is also playing an important role in the anticipated arrival of more Jews from the Soviet Union. He said that a large number of Soviet immigrants will be engineering students and a base must be laid to provide facilities for the absorption of these professionals.

"Ben-Gurion can play a key role because of its present engineering facilities, but it needs more funds to expand these facilities."

Marcus said the Negev is the last land frontier in Israel and its day has finally come. The Negev holds the key to the future immigration from wherever it comes.

In his appeal to Canadian Jewry to respond to the financial needs of the University, Marcus said "Israel is the only country whose natural resources are above ground — namely its brainpower. We're in trouble if we lose that edge."

Computer aids thought via Hebrew whodunits

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

The Winnipeg Board of Jewish Education has developed a new series of graded computer mystery stories for Grades 5-7 students in its three Winnipeg schools which will also be available for Hebrew language schools elsewhere in North America.

Kittat Barak (The Class of Lightening) was conceived and planned by WBJE superintendent Baruch Rand working with a team of teachers from Ramah Hebrew School (Etti Klein), the Talmud Torah/I. L. Peretz School (Bracha Sabari) and Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate (Yardena Shuv-Ami).

The project was undertaken because Rand felt that good computer software programs were lacking for purposes of Hebrew language education and that Hebrew reading material used in Canadian Jewish schools lacked emphasis in thinking skills, thus making much of the reading material dull and unchallenging.

The stories in Kittat Barak end without clearcut solutions. The students have to find the solutions through logical thinking exercises provided on a computer disk. Points are awarded to students toward a goal attained at their own pace with each partial or final solution.

The stories have both Canadian and Jewish content. Three are in print thus far. The first is about an etrog from Tel Aviv that is found damaged at school during recess. The Class of Lightening works to find the culprit.

The second story revolves around a planned class trip to Niagara Falls. The class looks for a way to help one of the students get the money to go without embarrassing her with charity.

In the third story, Kittat Barak's favorite baseball coach is charged with embezzling funds from his employers at a bank. The class goes to work to uncover the real thief and clear their chief.

The stories are all being prepared with color illustrations by former Winnipeg artist Shiela Tennenhouse who now lives in Vancouver. The literary editor is Edna Aphed, a well-known Israeli writer and linguist at Tel Aviv University.

The computer software was developed by an Israeli computer engineer, Rafi Klein, currently at the University of Manitoba. This is among the first sophisticated Hebrew software programs with color and graphics developed in North America.

Funding for the series is being provided by the federal secretary of state for multiculturalism. The Secretary of State's Heritage Language Department sees Kittat Barak as a prototype for other heritage language reading materials and will encourage its adaptation.

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Baycrest involves residents in programs

Creativity, productivity seen as vital to elderly

TORONTO —

Creativity and productiveness are vital in encouraging wellbeing at any age and especially in the institutionalized elderly, says Esther Friedman, arts and crafts program director at the Jewish Home for the Aged (JHA) of Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care.

The former teacher established the existing program five years ago for residents and applicants to the JHA. It now involves about 150 of the home's residents.

"Each of the participants is carefully assessed upon joining the program and an individualized participation plan is set up for them," Friedman explains. "No matter how disabled and limited a person is, assessment must consider disabilities but concentrate on abilities and strengths.

"Activities must be purposeful, well-planned and modified to ensure successful execution. The goal of the program is not in the final product, but in the pride and satisfaction a participant derives from completing it."

One of Friedman's success stories is one woman who, despite her visual impairment, has shown tremendous artistry and creativity in knitting dolls, and designing and making their clothing.

"I liked handiwork, but I never wanted to try anything when I moved in here because I had trouble with my eyes," the almost 80-year-old says. "They asked me again and again to go to the arts and crafts room but I didn't want to. Finally, after many years I went and I really enjoyed it — taking a ball of wool and making a doll out of it."

Currently, the JHA arts and crafts department offers several programs. Five mornings each week are reserved for a special care arts and crafts program designed for cognitively impaired residens (persons exhibiting considerable degrees of decline in learning, memory, thinking, or problem-solving).

"These people are from JHA special care floors and the program is designed to meet residents' needs for individualized attention. They, more than other residents, must trust us or they won't take part in the program," Friedman says. "Continuity is especially important for the special care people."

The general arts and crafts program takes place four afternoons a week and is open to all JHA residents and applicants. Specialty groups on pottery, painting, and silk painting are offered three times a week within this program. "On very busy days it tops 60," the director explains, "and regulars even have their own assigned seats."

In addition, several on-floor programs are featured on five floors of the JHA. "These are necessary in order for us to get the hard-to-reach residents involved," Friedman says.

"Residents that are reluctant to leave their floor can make contact with us in the comfort of their floor environment and sometimes, through the trust developed on the floor, they will come to the arts and crafts room and participate in the general program."

When residents arrive at the main-floor arts and crafts room in the JHA, she immediately tries to get them involved in an activity which offers access to other residents with whom they may establish a rapport.

"Establishing a regular seat enhances this socializing and helps in creating friendships and a community feeling," Friedman says. "It's often very hard for newcomers to make small talk with others, but because of what they are doing they can use their art as a springboard for socializing."

As well as Friedman, who logs many hours and is obviously dedicated to the residents, there is a full time artist on staff, Eugene Maieze, two part-time workers, and a summer student. The director is also quick to stress the importance of her volunteers. "We have a wonderful core of about 25 volunteers upon whom we heavily rely and could not do without."

During the last two years Friedman and her staff have organized exhibits of the residents' work in synagogues. Last year the work was shown in Beth David while Beth Emeth was the site of this year's exhibit. The residents also participate in two fund raising sales and, during the holiday season, visit the children's ward at North York General Hospital where they distribute handmade gifts.

"Residents just love seeing the children to give them the items they have made," Friedman says. "Of course, the highlight of the visit is seeing newborns in the maternity ward.

"The whole idea of the program is to enhance self-esteem and concentrate on abilities not disabilities," she adds. "This is a place where well-being and productiveness are emphasized. I don't need to make the residents feel creative or useful because they are. They are making things and then seeing them sold so they know they are doing something worthwhile.

"We have proved here that age is not a barrier to creativity and productivity. Staff and space are limited, but the possibilities are limitless."

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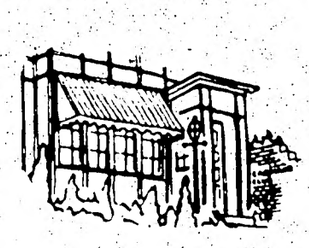
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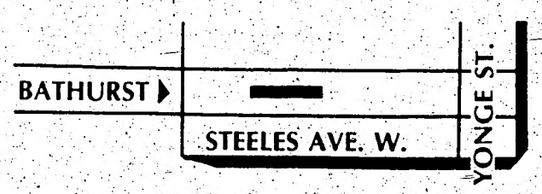

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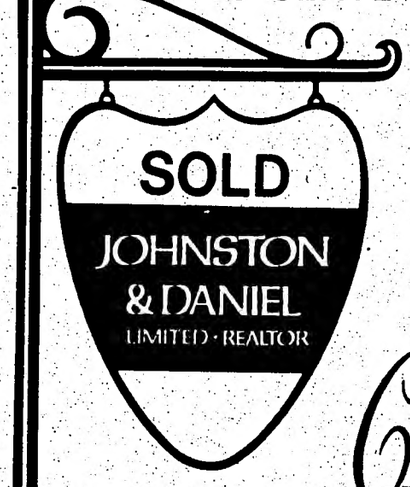

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Israeli tailgaters wreak havoc

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JERUSALEM — Fifty transport safety experts from Israel and around the world, road engineers, Israeli police officials and head of the Israel Safety Authority, gathered in Jerusalem recently to confer on one of the main causes of traffic accidents in Israel: tailgating.

The 2-day international conference, the first of its kind, was sponsored by the Research Centre for Driving Safety and Injury Prevention of the Jerusalem College of Technology.

"One in every four traffic accidents on Israeli roads is caused directly by tailgating," warned research centre director Gerry Ben David. "A great number of those behind the wheel are driving too close to the car in front and this leads to fatal accidents. Today there is no existing law or ordinance which delineates the minimum distance between vehicles."

Conference organizer, JCT Professor Joseph Bodenheimer, expressed satisfaction that representatives of law and traffic safety enforcement authorities who attended the workshop announced that they were now convinced of the need to involve themselves in the issue of tailgating and the enforcement of headway between cars.

Guest experts from the United States, Australia and Switzerland quoted statistics concerning driver reaction time which supports the conclusion that the subject of keeping a safe distance between cars must be made a high priority of driver education in Israel and around the world.

Chief Superintendent of Israel's National Police Traffic Bureau, Menashe Haddad, and his deputy Dan Liron, confirmed at the conference that they are currently testing a new tracking system developed by the Jerusalem College of Technology which utilizes an electro-optic travel monitor with built-in video camera.

According to the police, the JCT system is more accurate and flexible than radar monitoring because it provides computerized photographic printouts of every vehicle using the highway. The printout records the speed of the vehicle and the distance between it and the vehicle immediately ahead.

"By focusing on the subject of tailgating and the driver reaction time," noted Ben David," it will be possible to contribute greatly to the saving of lives and drastically improve Israel's horrendous record of highway accidents."

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Destruction of shtetl can't kill memories

Stories of how individual Jews managed to live through the horror that was the Holocaust stand as a poignant lesson to us. Here MINNA ROSNER of Winnipeg gives her recollections of her home town in Galicia, her shtetl Buczacz, and the experiences that she and her family went through during the war.

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The streets of my home town are empty now. There was once a community here — my community — where 10,000 Jews lived a happy and productive life.

A Jewish settlement is first mentioned here in the 16th century. It was the site of commerce and culture, and it gave rise to men of learning and distinction. The Nobel prize-winning author, S. Y. Agnon is from Buczacz; so is the historian Emanuel Ringelblum, and Simon Wiesenthal. In its 400-year history the settlement faced adversity many times, but it survived and grew.

Then in a brief period of barbarity, the Nazis and their collaborators wiped the Jewish communiity of Buczacz from the map. And now the streets are silent.

In my mind's eye, I can still see the Buczacz of my youth. I can see Daniel the water carrier, the small, round-faced Russian Jew who supplied everyone with water. I can see the limping policeman — we used to call him "the limping law" — who came to my father's place to sleep after his drinking bouts.

I can see the Sokol, the hall where we had our new year's dances, where we saw live theatre. I can see the River Strypa, where we used to rent boats on warm summer evenings and sing songs.

My childhood was a happy one. My father, Abraham Pohorille, was well known in the community. He had a wholesale store which supplied retail outlets in the villages with chocolate and candies, herring, cheeses and other foods. He also manufactured carbonated drinks, shipping them out in copper cylinders to every small store in the city.

For outlying areas in the province of Tarnopol in Galicia he would bottle the drinks, and they were very popular. Our family had a retail store as well, and this was where I, my two brothers and three sisters would spend many hours helping out behind the counter. The store was right on Rynek, the central street, across from the town centre.

Our happy and peaceful world was shattered in 1939. Hitler invaded Poland, one month before my 26th birthday. For two years we lived under Soviet rule, sheltered from the atrocities of the Nazis. But on June 22, 1941 the Nazis attacked the Soviet Union and marched into our province.

The local Ukrainian collaborators took their cue and immediately began looting and killing the Jews. My oldest brother was one of their first victims; they killed him in Lemberg. My husband Michael and I were living at that time in his home town of Kolomaya, a few miles from Buczacz. Soon after the Nazis declared war on the Soviets, my husband — we were married in 1939 — was drafted into the Soviet Army. It was the last time I saw him until after the war.

Minna Rosner in 1946

In September, the Gestapo came. The Nazis closed all the synagogues and occupied the Jewish streets and quarters. Jews were rounded up and sent to their deaths. They arrested my husband's whole family. His 84-year-old grandfather was taken from synagogue in his prayer shawl; his uncle, his aunt, cousins — they were all kept in prison for a day or two, then taken to a pit on the outskirts of Kolomaya and shot.

I lived with my young son in the ghetto as the Nazis carried out their campaigns. I wrote a letter to my parents about what was happening, and soon a young girl came into the ghetto with a note. She gave me a necklace and a cross, and said my parents had bribed a Ukrainian policeman to get me out of the ghetto and back to Buczacz. He told the patrols I was his wife, and we rode to the outskirts of town in his wagon atop beer barrels. With my baby in my arms, I walked through the empty streets to my parents' home.

It was May, 1942, and Buczacz had not yet witnessed the atrocities which were taking place all around it. A month after the Nazis entered Buczacz in July, 350 young men were rounded up and killed a mile from town on Fedor Hill. But then, for months, nothing seemed to happen. The people in Buczacz were yet to witness the extent of Hitler's "final solution."

Then in October, the slaughter began. On the 17th, more than 1,500 Jews were rounded up and sent to Belzec death camp. About 300 were killed during this operation. On Nov. 27 a second group of 2,500 Jews was sent to Belzec, and on Feb. 1 and 2 about 2,000 Jews were murdered at Fedor Hill.

Those were two days of terror. We were hiding in a bunker at that time in Buczacz. After the "aktion" was over, we emerged from the bunker and looked out the window. I saw 10 or 12 Ukrainian policemen there, joking and laughing and washing the blood from their boots.

On April 13, 1943, almost a week before Pesach, I visited my parents in their bunker for the last time. Later that day, the Nazis carried out their fourth and biggest aktion. My parents, my cousins and most of my family were among the 3,000 Jews who were slaughtered at Fedor Hill.

Others were shipped to Czortkov, Kopiczynce and Tluste. The aktions continued, with the objective of making Buczacz Judenrein. One by one my family members were killed — my parents, my brothers, my sisters. My son fell ill under those terrible conditions and died.

I stayed for many months hidden in the home of a Polish family who courageously protected us from the Nazis. In January, 1946 my husband returned and we were reunited. We emigrated to Canada where we built a new life.

The town of Buczacz still exists in the Tranopol region of the Ukrainian SSR, but the Buczacz I knew is no more. Everything of my community was destroyed, and all that was left were the pits and the mass graves of the innocent Jews who were ruthlessly murdered.

Four centuries of vibrant life were destroyed in less than four years by the Nazis and their eager collaborators. But the memories I have of my shtetl Buczacz are still alive. They can never be wiped out.

(Minna and Michael Rosner came to Canada in 1948. They were the proprietors of a small grocery store in Winnipeg, Atlantic Grocery, for 22 years. They retired in 1982, and Michael Rosner died later that year. Mrs. Rosner, 74, is active in hospital volunteer work, a Jewish choir, her local synagogue, university classes and many other activities. She has two sons and two grandsons.)

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Next best thing to aliya

Volunteers helping Israel

By
ANCIL KASHETSKY

TORONTO —
Volunteerism is the next best thing to aliya, Israeli General Aharon Davidi told an audience of 200 who recently gathered at the Zionist Centre on Marlee Ave. to attend a reunion/information meeting of Volunteers for Israel.

Davidi, a military hero of the Six Day War, was in Toronto as part of an international tour to talk about the volunteer program he founded in 1982.

He called Jews in the Diaspora "one of Israel's natural resources." The main goal of Volunteers for Israel, he said, is to give Jews from around the world a chance to make a personal contribution to Israel by working there and thereby experience Israel on a one-to-one basis with Israelis.

The remarks echoed the personal feelings of those who have participated in the program who, despite differences in age and diverse Jewish backgrounds, share the common desire to do physical work in an army base or hospital in Israel instead of visiting the country as a tourist.

Davidi founded Volunteers for Israel to help ease the strain on manpower caused by the war in Lebanon. Volunteers pay their own reduced airfare to Israel and do a 3-week stint on an army base or hospital. In lieu of payment the volunteers get three kosher meals a day and lodgings on the army base.

Davidi said the fact that volunteers do work on an army base or hospital and are composed of men and women up to the age of 65, and even older in some cases, makes the program distinct from that offered by kibbutzim.

The rewards derived from the program go beyond tangible ones since the experience often touches the Jewish roots of the volunteers.

Sam Kaplan, 55, said the three weeks he spent last summer cleaning guns on an army base in the Galil was a personal way of expression of his solidarity with Israel. Kaplan drove all the way from Waterloo, Ont., to be at the meeting to renew friendships, swap stories and talk to Davidi.

Ian Davidson and Randi Goodman, two students interested in joining the program this summer, said the meeting gave them more information about Volunteers for Israel. A short film about the program was also shown to the gathering which generated even more enthusiasm in this couple.

Isachar Arie, on the other hand, came mainly to say hello to Davidi whom he hadn't seen for 30 years since serving under him in the army during the 1950s. Speaking about Davidi, Arie said, "We parachuted together, were in combat together and what stood out about him was he never acted the bigshot like some military men."

Also in attendance was Benjamin Abileah, consul-general of Israel in Toronto, who in his address said volunteerism wasn't new to Israel and that the country had always relied on volunteers.

"Volunteers do with their bodies what others do with words and money," he said.

Mottle Goodbaum, an executive member of the Toronto Volunteers for Israel branch which has its headquarters in the Zionist Centre, said plans are being made to send 180 people on the program this year compared with 60 last year.

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Hollywood's past exposed

NEW YORK (JTA) — In their book Hollywood Goes to War, published this month by the Free Press in New York City, Oberlin College Prof. Clayton Koppes and University of Missouri history Prof. Gregory Black explore a little-known and dark chapter in the history of the American film industry: Hollywood's appeasement of Hitler and Mussolini.

Koppes and Black detail the motion picture studios' unwillingness to speak out against anti-semitism and fascism in the 1930s, their accession to the demands of Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy, and their alliance with the Roosevelt Administration's propaganda agency, the Office of War Information (OWI), which succeeded in influencing Hollywood portrayals of the Soviet Union during World War II.

Among the revelations in the book are the following:

• In the mid-1930s, when the Nazis demanded of the American motion picture studios that all "non-Aryan" studio employees in Germany be terminated, the studios, almost all of them run by Jewish executives in Hollywood, complied and fired Jewish workers on their business staffs and offices in Germany.

The studios did this even though Hitler's Nuremberg Laws banned all films with Jewish actors and actresses, cutting the number of American films shown in Germany to just 20 per year.

• In an effort to appease Mussolini, MGM changed the locale of Robert Sherwood's anti-war, anti-fascist Idiot's Delight (1939) with Clark Gable and Norma Shearer from Italy to an unnamed Esperanto-speaking alpine nation.

The film industry's self-censorship bureau, the Hays Office, then had the chief of its Production Code Administration, Joseph Breen, carry a severely altered version of the script to Italy in order to obtain the official approval of Mussolini's government, which he succeeded in doing.

By the time the film was completed however, new commercial restrictions made it unprofitable for Hollywood to distribute movies in Italy.

• Breen, who exercised great power in his censorship role, was virulently anti-semitic as well as anti-Communist. In the 1930s, he pressured MGM into dropping its plan to film Sinclair Lewis' It Can't Happen Here even though the studio had already bought the rights from Lewis and had invested heavily in the production.

He also prevented the filming of Vincent Sheean's Personal History, an indictment of Hitler, because it would arouse "audience feeling against the present regime, in the matter of its treatment of the Jews."

Breen's censorship was backed by economic clout: banks usually insisted upon his office's approval before lending money for productions, and most films relied on bank financing.

"Repeatedly in the 1930s, Hollywood altered the kind of pictures it would make because of economic considerations," Koppes says.

"It didn't make any explicitly anti-Nazi pictures until 1939, in large measure because it didn't want to lose its markets in Germany and Italy. Because there was no American movie market in the Soviet Union there were very few pictures about Russia, and those that were made could afford to be unfavorable. The studios didn't make films Breen disapproved of for fear of losing bank financing."

Another disturbing by-product of the American film industry's involvement with propaganda was "the way in which images in movies changed very abruptly, depending on the political needs of the administration or on Hollywood's perception of its audience and its market," Koppes says.

"There were wild swings in the portrayal of certain subjects, even though the reality of those subjects hadn't changed at all."

A prime example, according to Koppes, was Hollywood's treatment of the Soviet Union. Before 1941, American films were uniformly negative in their portrayal of the Soviets if they were portrayed at all.

From 1942 to 1945 almost all movies concerning the Soviet Union were "positive, glowing accounts, the most notorious being Mission to Moscow, in which Stalin's version of the purge trials are bought hook, line, and sinker, and Stalin emerges as an avuncular figure who is one step from being a democrat," Koppes says.

After the war, Hollywood's treatment of the Soviets was, as it was before the war, almost uniformly negative until well into the 1950s.

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Surge of interest in Israel

Folkdancing gains new popularity

By
CAROL NOVIS

JERUSALEM (WZPS) — When a recent survey was taken of courses offered in 119 community centres throughout Israel, Israeli folkdancing topped the list in popularity. That would come as no surprise to an increasing number of Israelis who are taking part in folkdance sessions more enthusiastically than ever before.

Shalom Hermon, the choreographer whose folkdances (such as Heharmonica) have entered the classic repertoire and made him an unofficial father of Israeli folkdance, is convinced that interest is stronger than ever. "I wouldn't call it a real revival, because folkdancing was never dead, but we are definitely seeing a real surge of interest," he said.

Today, Herman works for the Israeli department of education as coordinator of dance education in schools, but in his younger days he was one of a small group who invented and popularized the classic Israeli folk dances that are enjoyed today all over the world.

Ethnic dance, of course, has been part of Israeli culture since biblical times: "To everything there is a season . . . a time to mourn and a time to dance," as Ecclesiastes notes. The Bible is so full of references to dance that no fewer than 11 Hebrew verb roots have been found which describe dance movements.

But in spite of the number of dance references in ancient Jewish sources, not a trace remains of what these dances were actually like. That made it difficult when folk dance choreographers tried to develop a new type of dancing which would be true to Jewish tradition.

Herman recalls, "Until the 1940s, there were only five basic Israeli dances. They were the hora, the crakoviak, the polka, the cherkessia and the rondo. None of them were native to Israel.

It's difficult to believe that the hora, the quintessential Israeli dance, wasn't invented in Israel, but in fact, the dance is based on steps that are believed to be either Romanian or Balkan. The hora was adopted by the pioneers because it was an ideal expression of their needs and beliefs; a dance that fervent young agricultural workers on the first kibbutzim could dance late into the night to refresh themselves spiritually after a hard day's labor.

It also had the added advantage of being simple enough for everyone to master, and, as a dance performed in a circle, with linked arms, it symbolized the new ideology of Jewish freedom and equality. The hora became a symbol of Israeli pioneering fervor.

New dances began to enter the Israeli repertoire in the 1940s. The initiative came from pioneers of dance such as Gurit Kadman, who organized the first folkdance festival in 1944. Some of the dances were adopted from international models, while others were developed specifically to meet Israeli needs.

Herman recalls, "The idea was to go back to biblical sources, to the victory dances of David and Miriam. Since we didn't know what the dances were like, one of the early pioneers of dance, Yardena Cohen came up with the idea of visiting Arab and Druse villages and studying their dance. In those days, many Arab villagers lived lives which were similar to the conditions under which our forefathers lived, and in the same surroundings.

"We thought it possible that there were similarities in the dances. We took the drum of the Arab and Druse and developed dances based on them. The debka dances for example, come from Arab sources. Many of the steps characteristic of Arab dance, such as skipping running and hopping were also used."

Later, as new population groups settled in Israel, their dance steps were adopted by local groups too. The characteristic Yemenite dance step, for example, has become a mainstay of Israeli folkdance. Chassidic dances, which generate religious enthusiasm and joy, have also entered the repertoire. Other dances reflect Kurdish and Circassian influences.

But why is Israeli folkdancing so popular today? Ask some of the people who frequent folkdance sessions and the answers vary: "It's infectious," says Ahuva, a middle-aged woman who dances five times a week. Aviva, another frequent dancer says, "I come to move myself and to get away from the pressures of home. It's cheap and it's fun." Indeed, in the town of Herzliya alone, there are no fewer than 15 folkdance sessions a week, with an average of 80 people at each one.

Herman believes the renewed interest in Israeli folkdancing has to do more with spiritual ideas than with simply the pleasure of movement: "It may be an unconscious desire to return to the traditional values of Zionism, for folkdancing is part of the spirit of the pioneers and of the State of Israel."

Not only the middle-aged are drawn by the fun and nostalgia of Israeli folkdancing. In an increasing number of Israeli schools, folkdancing forms part of the official physical education program. About 200 Israeli schools now take part in a systematic teaching curriculum, which includes open-air dances held in the school grounds once a week.

Today, Herman believes that the newer folkdances are based more on popular culture and less on folklore: "There are dances today that are clearly based on disco dance steps and others that show the influence of tango." Whatever the case, Israeli folk dancing has never been so popular.

An Israeli folk dance troupe performs.

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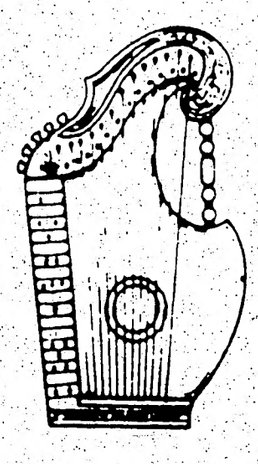

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Arrival in Toronto ended community's "spiritual dryness"

Rabbi Eliyahu Akiva Lipskar "loved every Jew"

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

"The legacy he left us does not fluctuate with the stock market," Dr. Chaim Lipskar said at a Shloshim memorial service for his late father, Rabbi Eliyahu Akiva Lipskar, who taught at Eitz Chaim School for 31 years. Rabbi Lipskar died in New York on Oct. 21 at the age of 70 while visiting Lubavitch headquarters there.

"My father was a Lubavitcher; that was his primary identification from his first day to his last day," said his son, who now lives in Miami. "But if I was asked to describe my father in only a few words, I would say, 'he loved every Jew.' "

The impressive shloshim was held at Torah Emeth Synagogue, Viewmount Ave., and attended by former students, parents and members of the Hebrew Teachers' Federation which Rabbi Lipskar once headed.

Referring to the late rabbi's exploits in organizing and teaching in an underground yeshiva in Soviet Uzbekistan after World War II, Rabbi Mordecai Ochs of Torah Emeth Synagogue said: "In defiance of the tyrants, he educated a nation in cellars and basements, despite the dangers."

In Ochs' opinion, the arrival of Rabbi Lipskar and other Lubavitchers in Toronto in 1951 signalled the end of a period of "spiritual dryness," in the Toronto Jewish community.

His general love of life, his "freilichness," his spirited singing and dancing of the "kuzatska," at Simcha Torah and at weddings, made him a well known figure and one who had influence with Jews of all persuasions, the rabbi said.

"There are boiling Jews, hot Jews, warm Jews and frozen Jews and he found the key to the frozen Jews and made them open up a little," Ochs said.

In another eloquent eulogy, Rabbi David Schochet of the Lubavitch Centre in Thornhill said Lipskar was a chassid who left behind him a trail of lit lamps.

"Without a good life, a chassid cannot function properly," said Schochet, referring to Rabbi Lipskar's widow, Rachel, whom he rescued from Leningrad and married in 1942, being the daughter of the famous Lubavitch chassid, Reb Shneer Zalman Duchman Halevi.

"A chassid has two homes," Schochet went on. "His own home and his spiritual home, where he recharges his batteries. A person does not want to pass away in a strange place; and his wish was granted, for he passed away in his spiritual home."

Rabbi Lipskar was buried at the Old Lubavitch Cemetery in Springfield, Long Island, where a number of his contemporaries are also buried.

Lipskar taught more than 1,000 "talmidin" in day and evening classes in his long career, said Rabbi Shnayer Weinberg, senior principal of Eitz Chaim. "He always thought of himself as a soldier. He was never late and rarely missed a day. He had a fierce loyalty for the school. He was so vibrant and cheerful it is hard to believe he is no longer here."

Two of the eulogies referred to his early years, to his service in the Soviet Army against Hitler and his miraculous survival of the siege of Leningrad. His father, Reb Chaim Tsvi was the chief rabbi of Poltawa in the Ukraine.

After Leningrad, he settled in Tashkent which, during World War II was a centre for European refugees escaping the Nazi invasion of Poland and European Russia. His activities in Tashkent as a leader of the chassidic community and builder of the yeshiva in Samarkand made him known far and wide.

His was the central address for Jews who fled to Soviet Asia. He especially helped Polish Jewish refugees who became homeless and felt estranged and forsaken in the Soviet Asian republics, and succeeded in arranging aid to refugees in Georgia and Uzbekistan.

Rabbi Lipskar is also survived by three other sons, Rabbi Shalom Lipskar of Miami Beach, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Lipskar of Johannesburg, Yosef Yitzhak Lipskar, and a daughter, Batsheva Schochet of Miami Beach.

Arab, Jew work together

By
AVI HYMAN

TORONTO —

Two visiting members of Israel's only cooperative village of Jews and Arabs recently told a small audience that they were attempting to "change stereotypes and fears" through coexistence of Arabs and Jews in Israel.

The two, Rayek Rizek, an Arab, and Dr. Jacob (Coby) Sonnenschein, a Jew, each gave a brief summary of the activities taking place in their village, Neve Shalom Wahat Al Salam, which might promote coexistence.

Their comments were part of a presentation, sponsored by The New Israel Fund of Canada, titled, Pioneer for Peace: The Problems and Prospects of Co-existence Among Arabs and Jews of Israeli Citizenship, although the particulars of that subject were not specifically discussed by either's presentation.

The event was attended by 30 people in Beth Tzedec Congregation's Mezzanine Hall.

The village located equidistant from Jerusalem and Tel Aviv is one of the New Israel Fund's major grantees, receiving $250,000 a year from the organization.

The village features a "School for Peace," which according to Sonnenschein, "holds 4-day workshops and special events for Israelis and non-Israelis about the problems of coexistence in Israel. Discussing political issues and conflicts between Palestinians and Jews through simulation games and techniques," he said, is also helpful.

Non-Israelis who have come to the village have included unofficial groups from Northern Ireland, West Germany, and joint American-Russian delegations, according to Sonnenschein.

More than 10,000 students have taken part in the school's workshops and some 1,000 adults have joined in seminars for high school teachers and university students, he said.

Rizek, born in Nazareth and educated at the University of Texas, is the director of the School for Peace. Sonnenschein, a physicist born in Haifa and a member of Neve Shalom Wahat Al Salam since 1978, is spending this year at Stanford University in California.

"Coexistence with true equality is not a trivial matter," said Sonnenschein.

According to Rizek, "the community also has the country's only bilingual, bicultural and binational kindergarten."

"The New Israel fund has helped grassroots organizations in Israel get started," said Trudy Shecter, the Canadian managing director.

Other grantees include the Israel Women's Network, a feminist umbrella organization fighting discrimination against women and the Association for Civil Rights and its Israeli Legal Defence Centre.

The New Israel Fund has been operating in Canada for two years and its board members are from Montreal and Toronto.

Rizek and Sonnenschein are on a North American speaking tour which includes Miami, New York, and Washington.

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So what's not to like in a smoked meat sandwich?

Magical deli memories endure 20 years later

By MARCY GOLDMAN-POSLUNS

MONTREAL — When I was considerably younger and half as tall, my father used to take me to his favorite deli for a grilled hotdog, double fried French fries, and a cold, frothy, cherry Coke.

He seemed to know everyone there (which impressed me to no end) and after seemingly chaotic shouts of "Hi Phil, hi Joe, hi Abie, hi Nat," etc., we sat down and ordered.

He always started with a spongy piece of rye bread, slathered with that brilliant yellow mustard and a dried karnutzel (sic sausage) stick. He made short work of this appetizer (the logic of which has always eluded me) and finished off with a "lean combination" a selection of lean cut, delicatessen meats.

The best part about the deli was the food and camaraderie. The most frustrating part was that for years I could never see above the display counter and was relegated to gazing only at the bottom ends of smoked meat, pickled tongues, and stuffed chicken.

Occasionally Dad and I would have our orders as a take-out, adding two black cherry drinks and smoked meat sandwiches for my older brothers. We'd make a feast of the whole thing just as Tinkerbell waved her wand, signalling the start of another, now vintage Walt Disney, and the beginning of a typical Sunday evening in our home.

It's almost 20 years later and the magic of the deli, both the one of my memory and those that dot the city endures. The best ones are never too fancy or too trendy. Usually their decor has gone from spiffy newness to ubiquitous brown or orange vinyl, and then settled quite by accident into art deco.

As you enter you are immediately assaulted by a clamor of food and humanity and the ever wafting vapor of the smoked meat steamer. There is always a host of demanding longtime customers, toiling owner-managers, and a bastion of "I can dish it out as good as I can take it" waitresses who are either European mamas or street-wise types who are equally tough and charming.

Sometimes service is provided by swiftly efficient waiters who always seem to know what you want before you ask for it, impatiently feigning patience as they jot down your order.

Menus are viewed as a redundant afterthought (either you know what you want or you can always check out the grease-worn wall posters) and are supplied with a sigh and heavenward glance, dismissing you as either a tourist or a nuisance.

In brief, there are several things you should not expect to find at a deli. They include Wonderbread, nouvelle cuisine, tofu, a house wine and 3-star manners. They are, however, places that, in these transitory times, offer comforting consistency along with value, quality, and free toothpicks (sometimes even mints).

You can count on seeing lumberjack breakfast specials at the deli, probably the best homemade soups since the Woman's Movement collided with your mother's stockpot, and unbegrudged, second cups of coffee, refilled without so much as an inquiring glance or any other restaurant-ese.

Delis are frequently identified by display windows jammed full of tempting condiments, pickle jars, towering loaves of rye bread, and pylon-sized salamis, all stuffed against the window. Some feature 2-story high strawberry cheesecakes that miraculously endure day after day, offering a surreal sort of appeal.

Delis are also the only places that define a tuna sandwich as an inverted, partially drained can of tuna atop two slices of bread, barely graced with a slick of mayonnaise and liberal shaking of black pepper. Not too creative, but darn good value, considering the price of a can of tuna.

Chinese biophysicists (from left) K.C. Lin, J.J. Cheng and J.X. Shen visit the Hebrew University where they chat with Prof. Harold Zvi Schiffrin about a translation of his book on Sun Yat-Sen.

Scientists get surprise at Hebrew University

JERUSALEM — Three scientists from the People's Republic of China, searching in the computerized catalogue of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem's Bloomfield Library for a book by a Chinese playwright recently, were suddenly surprised to hear a librarian offering them assistance in fluent Chinese.

The librarian, Romanian-born Aurelia Tambor, learned Chinese at the University of Beijing 30 years ago and, after coming on aliya in 1970, taught it for a while at the Hebrew University (where some 70 students are currently studying Chinese language and culture).

The scientists, K. C. Lin, J. J. Cheng and J. X. Chen, were in Israel for an international conference on biophysics. They visited the Hebrew University's Jerusalem campuses and, at a luncheon in their honor, were welcomed by the university's president and rector, Dr. Amnon Pazy.

At the university's Harry S. Truman Research Institute for the Advancement of Peace, they met Prof. Harold Zvi Schiffrin, the institute's academic chairman.

Schiffrin is the author of two books on Chinese revolutionary leader Sun Yat-Sen, both of which will soon be available in Chinese.

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Chanukah Greetings

Professor tells Book Fair audience

Quebec history explains "panic" at PQ victory

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
November, 1976 and Rene Levesque's nationalist Parti Quebecois is elected in Quebec. A "palpable panic" sets in among some of the province's anglophone population, including its 120,000 Jews, and an exodus begins.

Why so? To York University Prof. Michael Brown the answer can be found in the province's history, stretching back to at least the early part of the century.

In 1910, anti-Jewish demonstrations in Montreal, supported by a number of prestigious institutions, shocked the community and contributed to the mindset that felt "panic" with the 1976 election.

The events of 1910 arose out of a seemingly innocuous remark made in Rome where the city's Jewish mayor, Ernesto Nathan, mildly rebuked the Pope for interfering in political affairs. That statement set off a "rage" among some Roman Catholics, Brown said.

Speaking at the recent Jewish Book Fair at the Leah Posluns Theatre, Brown said Montreal's city council — then under Irish-Catholic control — voted unanimously to censure Nathan. The Pope expressed his gratitude to the council.

That didn't end the matter. An anti-Jewish rally backed by the popular newspaper Le Devoir was organized to support city council, which had been roundly criticized by Protestant papers. (They had asked why the church was so sensitive to criticism when the Catholic church also criticized others.)

The rally was held in the heart of the Jewish ghetto, said Brown, with 25,000 participants. It had the support of local churches, and of provincial and local government leaders.

Slogans like "Down with Jews" and "Down with Emancipation" echoed through the streets and Jews were referred to as "enemies of the Christian Religion."

Jews received support from the province's Protestant newspapers, Brown said.

The incident engendered a "considerable, lasting resentment" among Protestants, he stated. Among Jews, it created "a considerable, lasting fear."

They couldn't understand why their community was being attacked for the statement of a Jewish mayor thousands of miles away.

Brown, author of Jew or Juif? Jews, French Canadians and Anglo-Canadians 1759-1914, said the incident reflected a traditional attitude to Jews.

More recent events have contributed to a fear of Quebec nationalism, including comments by a prominent labor spokesman who in the mid 1970s said Jews were too "privileged."

Comments by other prominent Quebecers referred to Jews as "traveling jewelry stores," and another said teachers should be obliged to teach anti-Zionism.

Brown quoted Levesque as saying in 1969 that the creation of Israel was "an incredible political blunder."

The Jewish experience in English Canada was quite different, he argued. Philo-semitism, an appreciation of things Jewish, was a significant trend in the last century in English Canada.

Midway through the 19th century, a "rather odd" hypothesis grabbed the imagination of many in Britain and Canada that the British were the descendants of the lost 10 tribes of Israel, dispersed following the conquest of the northern kingdom of Israel in the 8th century BCE.

The theory, Brown said, arose from the beliefs of Christian fundamentalists who found it difficult to reconcile the disappearance of the 10 tribes with messianic dreams that they were to accompany Jesus on his second coming.

The British-Israelites' belief they were the lost tribes created a feeling of kinship to Jews and even led to suggestions by one of its prime advocates — a native of Newfoundland — that a Jewish state should be created in Palestine: a new Dominion of Israel.

At its peak in the late 1880s, the movement could claim about 2 million adherents in Britain and Canada.

Brown acknowledged that the Jewish experience in English-Canada is not marked exclusively by philo-semitism. Prominent anti-semites have spread their venom in English-Canada as well and there has even been a backlash to the Jewish rejection of the British-Israelite view.

While Jews have experienced anti-semitism in both French and English Canada, on balance the perception is one that Jews have done better, advanced farther (premier of a province, cabinet appointments) in English Canada than in Quebec, Brown said.

While history does not determine everything, he concluded, "the past is prologue, but like childhood, it can be outgrown and overcome."

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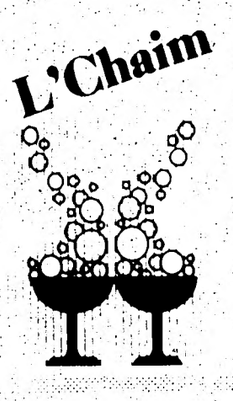
DAVID BIRKAN



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Potato-based Vodka Polansky, expected at the Liquor Control Board of Ontario about now, Carmel 777 brandy and Klingstone's Peach Schnapps are among the many kosher spirits and liqueurs that can add a glow to the cold dark nights ahead.

Vodka Polansky (40% alcohol, about $17), the latest arrival from Israel's Eliaz Benyamina plant, introduced itself to this reviewer at a recent tasting as being deceptively light and smooth.

The clear colorless vodka with almost no aroma and aftertaste definitely underscores the origin of this spirit's name. Vodka in Russian means "little water." Its cumulative effect, which begins very early, recalls the North American Indian term firewater.

Ideal for mixes, this vodka can also be drunk straight. It does not have the rubbing alcohol smell and taste that afflict some other vodkas.

Distributor is Grafstein Wines.

Carmel 777 brandy (40%, $19.75), a traditional favorite at this time of year, is being given a new twist by its new distributor, Carol Slatt of Lorac Wines. (Details of her succeeding Galilee Wines in the Carmel distributorship will be given after they are finalized, in an upcoming issue of The CJN.)

She recommends a kosher hot toddy for after ski, winter company, or anytime a warm-all-over is needed.

The recipe is simple. Place one teaspoon of sugar, a stick of cinnamon, and an ounce of Carmel 777 into an 8-oz. mug. Fill with freshly boiled water, and stir. A half-slice of lemon and cloves add an extra aromatic touch.

This taster points out that Carmel 777 neat — honey-colored and fiery, with a distinct taste of grapes — is a delightful after dinner sip.

Either way, the brandy provides solace, cheer, and maybe even medicinal benefits against the season's cold.

Slatt also recommends that simcha-goers at synagogue affairs try an Israeli coffee with which to end their meals. This uses Eliaz Chocolate Cocktail (20%, not available through the LCBO) — a rich chocolaty liqueur, thick enough to chew, that is finding its way to an increasing number of sweet tables.

Fill a cup containing 1 ounce Chocolate Cocktail with black coffee, and top with a tablespoon of parve whipped cream, and, if available, chocolate shavings, to taste. Most people will find this sweet enough without adding sugar.

Klingstone's Peach Schnapps (24%, $15.30), clear and colorless, has a pronounced peach bouquet and taste. It will evoke summer memories more quickly and effectively than a dozen travel brochures and two photo albums.

It is not cloyingly sweet like some liqueurs, and can be sipped as an aperitif, as well as at dessert.

Klingstone's Peach Schnapps is one of about a dozen spirits and liqueurs produced by McGuinness Distillers) under supervision of the Canadian Jewish Congress' (Ontario Region) Vaad Hakashruth. They comprise the only line of spirits, grain-based, produced under supervision in Canada.

The Schnapps' charms have not been lost on the general community, who have made it one of McGuinness' best selling items, the firm's district manager Jim Graff told The CJN.

Helen White (left), Joan Rumack (centre), and Cynthia Suissa are seen at Pioneer Village Chanukah display.

Chanukah show at Black Creek

TORONTO —

For the first time in its history, Black Creek Pioneer Village will be including a Chanukah exhibit in its seasonal displays for December — with a little help from friends.

The exhibit of chanukiot and explanation cards, in the visitors' centre, was developed through the support of: Cynthia Suissa, president of B'nai B'rith Women's Council of Toronto; president-elect Joan Rumack; and Helen White, a member of the executive committee of the Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.

Admission to the centre itself is $4 for adults, and $2 for children, students, and seniors.

The village is open daily, except Dec. 25, until Jan. 3.

For more information, phone (416) 736-1733.

Lubavitch lights up Toronto

TORONTO —

Chabad Lubavitch Southern Ontario is staging seven outdoor chanukiah lightings across Toronto and vicinity the night before Chanukah and every night of the holiday in conjunction with Chabad Lubavitch Markham and the Jewish Russian Community Centre in North York. All lightings are set for 4 p.m.

Chabad Lubavitch Southern Ontario is to light chanukiahs at Toronto City Hall, Queen's Park, at the corner of Bathurst St. and Edinburgh Dr. in North York and at the corner of Bathurst St. and Chabad Gate in Thornhill.

Chabad Lubavitch Markham will light a chanukiah at the corner of Bayview Ave. and John St. in Markham. The Jewish Russian Community Centre will stage two lightings near the centre on Rockford Road.

Rabbi Aaron Grossbaum of Chabad Lubavitch Southern Ontario says both the ceremony and reception at Queen's Park symbolize the government's role in safeguarding freedom of religion.

On Dec. 20, the chanukiah in Markham will be lit in the presence of that town's mayor, Carole Bell, and at least three of Markham's councillors: Frank Scarpitti, Mike Popovich and Ron Moran. Rabbi Avraham Plotkin of Chabad Lubavitch Markham will do the honors.

A Chanukah party is scheduled at 2 in the afternoon of the 20th at Johnsview Village School.

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The house can't lose

Trade a tux for tallis at Vegas "shul nite"

By
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I have noticed a dramatic increase in general attendance at synagogues the past couple of years. Last Saturday I had to hang around about a half hour before I was able to get a seat, at a blackjack table.

I am talking of course about the ubiquitous Saturday night events most shuls seem to have, known as "Las Vegas Nite," which are packing the house. While I realize that it's a fund raising activity, I suspect that its drawing power to the shul frequently outweighs the more traditional motivations for attending.

As the more Orthodox Jews however are probably not as enticed by Las Vegas nights I started thinking about the matter and it occurred to me that conversely the Las Vegas casinos ought to consider going after the Jewish Orthodox market by presenting weekly "Shul nites."

I don't see how the house can lose on this one. It would not take a massive ad campaign to get things going. A simple ad in publications such as The Canadian Jewish News reading, "Sahara Hotel presents annual shul nite, next Saturday nite after the conclusion of the Sabbath" would suffice.

There should be no problems with the expense of making the actual pilgrimage to Vegas. The casinos in question can offer junkets, providing free transportation and accommodation to people as long as they undertake to spend at least three hours at the tables davening.

The casino would be turned into a veritable shul for the event. For example some of the hotshot name singers could remove their tuxes and don prayer shawls and spend the evening chanting as cantors. A guaranteed success.

And just like a Las Vegas night has different games of chance on the go simultaneously, the casino can have a variety of shul activities and religious events cooking in different areas.

What better way to spend the night in shul than attending the lavish kiddush? In true Vegas fashion there would be a continuous kiddush served for only 99 cents. People would have to be careful of course not to OD on herring. I've seen it happen.

And what is a shul without a rabbi's sermon? As this is often the highlight of the day casino officials would have to set up the pulpit in the casino's nightclub to ensure room for the expected large crowds. Ushers would of course stand outside the club and not let anyone in once the rabbi starts talking.

And I'll bet that Vegas generally misses out on the kiddie market. No more. What better way of occupying the kiddies than presenting a Purim event. Needless to say the casino would provide the costumes and makeup for the little guys following which we could read the Megilla and have a costume contest. I have to pass this one on to Circus Circus.

Caution would have to be taken that the noise from one activity does not filter into the other one. You don't want the kids' gregors punctuating the blessings being bestowed next door on the crowd by the cohanim.

And for the older kids of course there could be bar mitzvah festivities, the young lads reading their respective parshas while standing on a raised craps table. Upon the conclusion of the reading the croupiers can then shower the initiated young men with candies. Mazel tov.

For those who are more heavily involved in administrative activities, a couple of rooms could be turned into board rooms and the participants would then elect one another as officers and directors of the shul, whatever they want to name it. Maybe they can argue about the name; make the meeting authentic.

Can this idea ever blossom? I'll bet it can. But you may be asking, "Why a shul in a casino?" Okay. Why a casino in a shul?

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